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Media release

Changes to the distribution of High Court judgments

From 1 July 2019, some changes will occur to how High Court judgments are distributed to media.

Publishers' sheet

Media and legal publishers will begin to receive a sheet that contains case details, the synopsis, restrictions on publication of judgment and assessment/priority for law reports.

Delay before sending to media and legal publishers to rise to 3 working hours

The current delay before sending judgments to media or legal publishers is one hour after distribution to parties. Concerns were expressed to me that the standard one hour delay between distribution to parties and then to media and legal publishers was insufficient for counsel to respond with any concerns about content. The delay is now to be **3 working hours** for standard judgments. The normal delay for judgments of public interest remains **1 working hour**.

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