

Draft terms of reference – District Court review

To inquire into and report on:

- The level and use of judicial resources in the District Court of NSW in its criminal and civil jurisdictions, whether these resources are adequate to meet the current and projected workload of the Court, the interests of all parties including victims and witnesses and allow for the proper administration of justice, and the additional resources that would be required to meet these needs;
- The structure of the Court and whether existing arrangements are adequate to meet the needs of court users, including victims of crime, litigants and the legal profession, including whether the appointment of two Deputy Chief Judges would assist in the administration of the Court;
- The availability of courtrooms, other facilities and technology to enable the Court to efficiently undertake its work and the additional resources that would be required to achieve this;
- The listing practices and other procedures of the Court, whether they facilitate the administration of justice in urban, regional and rural areas of NSW and any improvements required in this regard;
- The adequacy of support structures available for judicial officers, registrars and other court staff, including security, welfare and training arrangements, and any improvements and the resources that would be required in this regard;