



Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 2023

PENDING DISPUTE PROCEEDINGS DIRECTION [s. 576(1)(a)]

PENDING DISPUTE PROCEEDINGS: RESERVED DECISIONS

This transitional direction is made pursuant to s 576(1)(a) of the *Workers Compensation* and *Injury Management Act 2023* (the 2023 Act) and applies to reserved decisions of an arbitrator concerning the resolution of a dispute before the arbitration service and lodged pursuant to the provisions of the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981* (the 1981 Act).

Direction

Where the decision of an arbitrator on pending dispute proceedings is reserved and is not handed down prior to 1 July 2024, it is directed that the arbitrators' decision(s), order(s) and reasons for decisions be made pursuant to the provisions of the 1981 Act.

This is a transitional direction with the effect envisaged in section 575(2).

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Note to practitioners

Active dispute proceedings which have progressed to a reserved decision following formal hearing in person or on the papers may not be finalised before 1 July 2024. This direction aims to facilitate the appropriate resolution of those disputes on or after 1 July 2024 pursuant to the provisions of the 1981 Act and not the 2023 Act.

This direction does not affect the progression of pending dispute proceedings without a reserved decision.