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COMMUNITY DISPUTES RESOLUTION ACT 2015

COMMUNITY DISPUTES RESOLUTION TRIBUNALS (AMENDMENT) RULES 2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 32 of the Community Disputes Resolution Act 2015, we, the Rules Committee, make the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Community Disputes Resolution Tribunals (Amendment) Rules 2026 and come into operation on 1 September 2026.

Amendment of rule 2

2. In the Community Disputes Resolution Tribunals Rules 2015 (G.N. No. S 565/2015) (called in these Rules the principal Rules), in rule 2(2)(c), (d) and (e), after “claim under rule 5”, insert “or a claim brought pursuant to an application by the Director-General under section 17A(1)”.

Amendment of rule 2A

3. In the principal Rules, in rule 2A —

(a) after the definition of “ACRA”, insert —

““civil restraint order” means —

- (a) a limited civil restraint order made in accordance with section 31C;
- (b) an extended civil restraint order made in accordance with section 31D; or
- (c) a general civil restraint order made in accordance with section 31E;” and

- (b) after the definition of “relevant Form”, insert —
““section” means a section of the Act;”.

Amendment of rule 5

4. In the principal Rules, in rule 5(1), replace “An action” with “Except as provided in rule 5A, an action”.

New rule 5A

5. In the principal Rules, after rule 5, insert —

“Application by Director-General under section 17A(1)

5A.—(1) An application to a tribunal by the Director-General under section 17A(1) must be made by filing —

- (a) the relevant Form; and
- (b) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the application.

(2) Upon approval of the Director-General’s application by the tribunal, the Director-General must, within 7 days after the date of such approval, serve all the following documents on any person that appears to be a respondent to the claim under section 4 or the application under section 6 or 9 (as the case may be), to which the Director-General’s application relates:

- (a) the application under section 17A(1);
- (b) the supporting evidence mentioned in paragraph (1)(b);
- (c) the notice issued under section 17A(3)(c).

(3) The Director-General must file a declaration of service in the relevant Form within 3 days after the date on which the documents mentioned in paragraph (2) are served.

(4) A respondent to the claim under section 4, or the application under section 6 or 9 (as the case may be) to which the Director-General’s application relates, who intends to contest the claim or application must, within 14 days after

being served with the documents mentioned in paragraph (2), file and serve on the claimant or applicant, as the case may be —

- (a) a reply in the relevant Form; and
- (b) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the reply.

(5) Despite Order 16 of the Rules of Court 2021, a party to the claim under section 4, or the application under section 6 or 9 (as the case may be) to which the Director-General's application relates, may discontinue or withdraw the claim or application only if —

- (a) all the parties to the claim or application and the Director-General consent for the claim or application (as the case may be) to be discontinued or withdrawn — by filing the written consent of all the parties and the Director-General; or
- (b) any party to the claim or application, or the Director-General, does not consent for the claim or application (as the case may be) to be discontinued or withdrawn — with the permission of the tribunal.

(6) To avoid doubt, the Director-General may, with the permission of the tribunal, discontinue or withdraw any claim or application that arises from an application under section 17A(1) made by the Director-General, under this rule.

(7) Except with the permission of the Registrar or tribunal, no other document or evidence may be filed or served for the purposes of any claim or application that arises from an application made by the Director-General under section 17A(1).

(8) Despite Order 13, Rule 1(3) of the Rules of Court 2021, if the application made by the Director-General under section 17A(1) is for the tribunal to hear and determine a claim under section 4, an application for a grant of an injunction need not be made by summons, and instead may be included in the application.

(9) To avoid doubt, rules 5, 9, 10 and 11 do not apply in relation to a claim or an application deemed to have been brought pursuant to an application to a tribunal by the Director-General made under this rule.”.

Amendment of rule 9

6. In the principal Rules, in rule 9(1), replace “An application” with “Except as provided in rule 5A, an application”.

Amendment of rule 10

7. In the principal Rules, in rule 10, replace paragraph (1) with —

“(1) An application for an order under section 6(3) that a person (called in this rule the respondent) enter into a bond to ensure that a contravening party complies with a special direction under section 6(1) (called in this rule the second application) may be made in the relevant Form under the following circumstances:

- (a) by an applicant who applies for the special direction (called in this rule the first application), whether at the same time or on a date after the first application is made;
- (b) by an applicant, on a date after a tribunal’s approval of the Director-General’s application under section 17A(1) in relation to the special direction.”.

Amendment of rule 11

8. In the principal Rules, in rule 11(1), replace “An application” with “Except as provided in rule 5A, an application”.

New rules 11B and 11C

9. In the principal Rules, after rule 11A, insert —

“Application for order to address hoarding under section 11A(1)

11B.—(1) An application by the Director-General for an order under section 11A(1) must be made by filing the relevant Form and be accompanied by all the following supporting materials:

- (a) a copy of the notice or advisory given under section 11A(1)(b);
- (b) a copy of the order for specific performance mentioned in section 11A(1)(d);
- (c) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the application.

(2) The Director-General must, within 7 days after the date on which the application and the supporting materials are filed, serve the application and the supporting materials on the owner or occupier of the place of residence specified in the application.

(3) The Director-General must file a declaration of service in the relevant Form within 3 days after the date on which the application and the supporting materials are served on the owner or occupier of the place of residence specified in the application.

(4) A person who intends to contest the application must, within 14 days after being served with the application and the supporting materials, file and serve on the Director-General —

- (a) a reply in the relevant Form; and
- (b) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the reply.

(5) Except with the permission of the tribunal, no other document or evidence may be filed or served for the purposes of the application.

Application for variation, suspension or revocation of order under section 11A(3)

11C.—(1) An application to vary, suspend or revoke an order under section 11A(3) must be made by filing the relevant Form and be accompanied by all the following supporting materials:

- (a) a copy of the order made under section 11A(1) which is the subject of the application;
- (b) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the application.

(2) The applicant must, within 7 days after the date on which the application and the supporting materials are filed, serve the application and the supporting materials on every other party to the original order.

(3) The applicant must file a declaration of service in the relevant Form within 3 days after the date on which the application and the supporting materials are served on every other party to the original order.

(4) Except with the permission of the tribunal, no other document or evidence may be filed or served for the purposes of the application.”.

Replacement of Part 3A heading

10. In the principal Rules, in Part 3A, replace the Part heading with —

“SUMMONS TO PERSONS”.

Amendment of rule 13A

11. In the principal Rules, in rule 13A —

- (a) in paragraph (1), delete “(by an application in the appropriate Form)”;
- (b) in paragraph (1)(a), after “the summons”, insert “, including”;
- (c) in paragraph (1)(a), delete “or” at the end;
- (d) in paragraph (1)(b), replace the full-stop at the end with “; or”;
- (e) in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (b), insert —
 - “(c) without attending before the tribunal, to provide to the tribunal such information in

the person's knowledge as is specified in the summons.”;

(f) after paragraph (1), insert —

“(1A) A party who intends to make a request mentioned in paragraph (1) must do so by filing —

(a) an application in the relevant Form; and

(b) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the application.”; and

(g) in paragraph (2), replace “witness” with “person”.

Amendment of rule 13B

12. In the principal Rules, in rule 13B —

(a) in the rule heading, replace “**witness**” with “**person**”;

(b) in paragraph (2), replace “witness” with “person”;

(c) replace paragraph (3) with —

“(3) The obligation on a person summoned under rule 13A to attend any case conference or hearing extends to any time and place to which the case conference or hearing (as the case may be) may be adjourned.”; and

(d) in paragraph (4), replace “appropriate Form” with “relevant Form”.

New Parts 3B, 3C and 3D

13. In the principal Rules, after Part 3A, insert —

“PART 3B

MANDATORY TREATMENT ORDERS

Application for mandatory treatment order under section 12A(3)(b)

13C.—(1) An application for a mandatory treatment order under section 12A(3)(b) must be made by filing —

(a) the relevant Form; and

(b) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the application.

(2) The applicant must, within 7 days after the date on which the application and the supporting evidence are filed, serve the application and the supporting evidence on the respondent.

(3) The applicant must file a declaration of service in the relevant Form within 3 days after the date on which the application and the supporting evidence are served on the respondent.

Preliminary assessment report

13D. A preliminary assessment report that the tribunal calls for under section 12A(5)(a) may be disclosed to the applicant for the mandatory treatment order to which the report relates (if any) only if the applicant —

- (a) applies for permission to appeal against a decision of the tribunal not to call for a formal assessment report; and
- (b) gives an undertaking to pay damages in the event of improper use or disclosure of the report, as the tribunal may require.

Formal assessment report

13E. A formal assessment report that the tribunal calls for under section 12A(8)(a) may be disclosed to the applicant for the mandatory treatment order to which the report relates (if any) only if the applicant —

- (a) applies for permission to appeal against the refusal of the tribunal to make the mandatory treatment order applied for; and
- (b) gives an undertaking to pay damages in the event of improper use or disclosure of the report, as the tribunal may require.

Application for variation or revocation of mandatory treatment order under section 12A(23)

13F.—(1) The appointed psychiatrist on whose formal assessment report a mandatory treatment order is based may apply to vary or revoke the mandatory treatment order under section 12A(23) by filing the relevant Form and all the following supporting materials:

- (a) a copy of the mandatory treatment order which is the subject of the application;
- (b) a copy of the formal assessment report;
- (c) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the application.

(2) The appointed psychiatrist must, within 7 days after the date on which the application and the supporting materials are filed, serve the application and the supporting materials on the applicant for the mandatory treatment order (if any) and the respondent.

(3) The applicant for the mandatory treatment order (if any) and the respondent may, within 14 days after being served with the application and the supporting materials, respond to the application to vary or revoke the mandatory treatment order by filing —

- (a) a reply in the relevant Form; and
- (b) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the reply.

(4) Where the tribunal varies or revokes a mandatory treatment order on the application of an appointed psychiatrist, the appointed psychiatrist must, within 7 days after the date on which the order to vary or revoke the mandatory treatment order is made, serve the order to vary or revoke the mandatory treatment order on the applicant for the mandatory treatment order (if any) and the respondent.

Appeal relating to application for mandatory treatment order

13G.—(1) Without affecting rules 15 and 17 and subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), Order 2, Rule 10 or 12 of the Rules of Court 2021 (as the case may be) applies to an appeal in relation to the following decisions of the tribunal:

- (a) a decision of the tribunal to call or not to call for a formal assessment report;
- (b) a decision of the tribunal in relation to a mandatory treatment order or the refusal of such an order.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the references to “all parties who have an interest in the appeal” in the provisions of the Rules of Court 2021 referred to in that paragraph are to be read to refer to the following persons, unless the tribunal otherwise directs:

- (a) the applicant for a mandatory treatment order, if any;
- (b) the respondent to the application for the mandatory treatment order;
- (c) the appointed psychiatrist in relation to the mandatory treatment order;
- (d) any other person on whom the application or notice of appeal is directed by the tribunal to be served.

(3) Order 2, Rules 10(5) and 12(5), Order 18, Rule 19(2) and Order 19, Rule 15(2) of the Rules of Court 2021 do not apply to any appeal in relation to any of the decisions mentioned in paragraph (1).

(4) Unless provided for in the Rules of Court 2021 or the tribunal otherwise directs, documents that are to be served must be served on the persons mentioned in paragraph (2) within 7 days after the date on which the document is filed.

PART 3C
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

Period within which settlement agreement must be registered

13H. For the purposes of section 31A(2)(a), a tribunal may refuse to register a settlement agreement as an order of the tribunal if the application to register the settlement agreement is not made within 4 weeks after the date on which the settlement agreement is signed by or on behalf of all parties to the settlement agreement.

Application for registration of settlement agreement under section 31A(1)

13I.—(1) Any party to a settlement agreement may, with the consent of all the other parties to the settlement agreement, apply to a tribunal to register the settlement agreement as an order of the tribunal by filing the relevant Form and all the following supporting materials:

- (a) a copy of the settlement agreement which is the subject of the application;
- (b) a memorandum reflecting the consent of all parties to the registration of the settlement agreement.

(2) On the tribunal's registration of a settlement agreement, the Registrar must serve on the party who made an application under paragraph (1) a notice of registration.

(3) The party who made the application to register a settlement agreement must, on receiving the notice of registration under paragraph (2), immediately send a copy of that notice, together with a copy of the registered settlement agreement, to each of the other parties to the settlement agreement.

(4) To avoid doubt, a tribunal or the Registrar may, on the tribunal's or the Registrar's own motion (as the case may be) or on the application of any party to a settlement agreement, set aside the registration of a settlement agreement or a particular term or terms of a settlement agreement as an order of the

tribunal made under section 5, where there was a change in the circumstances or it is just and equitable to do so.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (4), the tribunal or the Registrar must consider the following:

- (a) if the settlement agreement is void or voidable because of incapacity, fraud, misrepresentation, duress, coercion, mistake or any other ground for invalidating a contract;
- (b) if the settlement agreement includes subject matter that does not relate to a dispute which may form the basis for a claim under section 4;
- (c) if the settlement agreement or any term of the settlement agreement is not capable of enforcement as an order of a tribunal;
- (d) if the registration of the settlement agreement or any term of the settlement agreement is contrary to public policy.

PART 3D

MEASURES FOR DEALING WITH UNMERITORIOUS OR VEXATIOUS PROCEEDINGS

Application for order under section 31B

13J.—(1) An application for an order under section 31B(1)(a), (b) or (c), (2) or (3) must be made by filing —

- (a) the relevant Form; and
- (b) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the application.

(2) The applicant must, within 7 days after the date on which the application and the supporting evidence are filed, serve the application and the supporting evidence on the respondent.

(3) The applicant must file a declaration of service in the relevant Form within 3 days after the date on which the

application and the supporting evidence are served on the respondent.

(4) A respondent who intends to contest the application must, within 14 days after being served with the application and the supporting evidence, file and serve on the applicant —

- (a) a reply in the relevant Form; and
- (b) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the reply.

(5) Except with the permission of the tribunal, no other document or evidence may be filed or served for the purposes of the application.

Application for permission to commence action or make application, or for permission to apply to amend, vary or discharge civil restraint order

13K.—(1) Where an extended civil restraint order or a general civil restraint order is in force against a party, an application by that party for permission of a tribunal to commence an action must be made by filing —

- (a) the relevant Form; and
- (b) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the application.

(2) Where any civil restraint order is in force against a party, an application by that party for permission of a tribunal to make an application (except in an application for permission made under paragraph (4)) must be made by filing —

- (a) the relevant Form; and
- (b) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the application.

(3) Before a tribunal grants permission to the applicant to commence an action or make an application (except in an application for permission made under paragraph (4)), the tribunal must give every intended respondent to the intended action or application a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

(4) Where any civil restraint order is in force against a party, an application by that party for permission of a tribunal to apply to amend, vary or discharge the civil restraint order must be made by filing —

- (a) the relevant Form; and
- (b) any supporting evidence to prove the matters stated in the application.

(5) Before a tribunal grants permission to the applicant to apply to amend, vary or discharge any civil restraint order, the tribunal must give every other party to the proceedings pursuant to which that civil restraint order was made (including the applicant of that civil restraint order, if any) a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

Action commenced or application made without permission, etc.

13L.—(1) Where a party, who is subject to an extended civil restraint order or a general civil restraint order, commences an action without the permission of a tribunal under section 31D(3)(a) or 31E(2)(a), as the case may be —

- (a) any other party to the action made without such permission, or to the proceedings pursuant to which that civil restraint order was made (including the applicant of the civil restraint order, if any), may inform the Registrar of this in writing; and
- (b) the Registrar may, on being informed of this under sub-paragraph (a), or on the Registrar's own motion, record that the action is treated as struck out pursuant to section 31D(4) or 31E(3), as the case may be.

(2) Where a party, who is subject to any civil restraint order, makes an application, or applies to amend, vary or discharge that civil restraint order, without the permission of a tribunal under section 31C(2)(a) or (b), 31D(3)(a) or (b) or 31E(2)(a) or (b), as the case may be —

- (a) any other party to the application made without such permission, or to the proceedings pursuant to which that civil restraint order was made (including the applicant of the civil restraint order, if any), may inform the Registrar of this in writing; and
- (b) the Registrar may, on being informed of this under sub-paragraph (a), or on the Registrar's own motion, record that the action is treated as dismissed pursuant to section 31C(3), 31D(4) or 31E(3), as the case may be.

(3) Where a party, who is subject to any order mentioned in section 31B(2) or (3), files any document in the proceedings in respect of which that order was made —

- (a) any other party to those proceedings pursuant to which that order was made (including the applicant of the order, if any), may apply for that document to be struck out; and
- (b) the tribunal may, on an application under sub-paragraph (a), or on the tribunal's own motion, strike out that document.”.

Amendment of First Schedule

14. In the principal Rules, in the First Schedule —

(a) replace items 1, 2 and 3 with —

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| “1. In relation to
commencing an action
in respect of a tort under
section 4 (whether by
filing a claim under
rule 5 or pursuant to an
application by the
Director-General under
section 17A(1)) | \$150 | The filed copy. |
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2.	In relation to filing an application for a special direction under section 6(1) or an exclusion order under section 9(1) (whether by filing an application under rule 9 or 11 (as the case may be) or pursuant to an application by the Director-General under section 17A(1))	\$100	The filed copy.
3.	In relation to filing an application for an order for a person to enter into a bond under section 6(3) (whether by filing an application under rule 10 or pursuant to an application by the Director-General under section 17A(1))	\$100	The filed copy.
3A.	On filing an application under rule 5A for a Community Disputes Resolution Tribunal to hear and determine a possible claim or application	\$141	The filed copy.
3B.	On filing an application for an order to address hoarding under section 11A(1)	\$168	The filed copy.
3C.	In relation to filing an application for a mandatory treatment order under section 12A(3)(b) if —		

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| (a) the application is filed after the commencement of an action in respect of a tort under section 4 (whether by filing a claim under rule 5 or pursuant to an application by the Director-General under section 17A(1)), but before a Community Disputes Resolution Tribunal has made any order under section 5 in respect of the action | \$10 | The filed copy. |
| | | |
| (b) the application is filed after the commencement of an action in respect of a tort under section 4 (whether by filing a claim under rule 5 or pursuant to an application by the Director-General under section 17A(1)), and after a Community Disputes Resolution Tribunal has made any order under section 5 in respect of the action | \$100 | The filed copy. |

(c) the application is filed for the purpose of section 12A(1)(c) in relation to a settlement agreement registered under section 31A	\$100	The filed copy.”;
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(b) in item 4, replace paragraphs (a) to (d) with —

“(a) a claim for an action in respect of a tort under section 4
(whether under rule 5 or 5A)

(b) an application for a special direction (whether under
rule 5A or 9)

(c) an application for an order for a person to enter into a
bond (whether under rule 5A or 10)

(d) an application for an exclusion order (whether under
rule 5A or 11)”;

(c) in item 4(e) and (f), replace “a tribunal” with “a
Community Disputes Resolution Tribunal”;

(d) after item 5, insert —

“5A. On filing an application for the permission of a Community Disputes Resolution Tribunal under section 31C(2), 31D(3) or 31E(2)	\$100	The filed copy.”;
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(e) in items 11 and 12, replace “witness” wherever it appears
with “person”; and

(f) in item 12, replace “produce documents to, the tribunal”
with “produce documents or provide information to, the
Community Disputes Resolution Tribunal”.

Miscellaneous amendments**15. In the principal Rules —**

(a) in the following rule headings, delete “**of Act**”:

Rule 9

Rule 10

Rule 11

Rule 16

Rule 22; and

(b) in the following provisions, delete “of the Act” wherever it appears:

Rule 5(1)

Rule 8

Rule 9(1)

Rule 11(1)

Rule 16(1)

Rule 18

Rule 22(1)

First Schedule, item 5.

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