



Land and Environment Court

of New South Wales

DELAYS IN RESERVED JUDGMENTS

Commencement

1. This policy commences on 2 November 2007.

Purpose

2. This policy outlines how the Court manages and investigates inquiries regarding delays in the delivery of reserved judgments.

Application

3. This policy applies to parties and legal representatives awaiting delivery of a reserved judgment.

Making an Inquiry

4. If a party or legal representative becomes concerned that a reserved judgment has been outstanding for a period in excess of the Court's standard of 3 months, a written inquiry should be directed to the Chief Judge.
5. The inquiry should include the following details:
 - the name of the proceedings and the case number;
 - your role in proceedings (eg applicant/respondent; legal representative for the first applicant/second respondent); and
 - the date upon which the Judge or Commissioner reserved judgment.
6. Inquiries should be sent to the following addresses:

By mail: GPO Box 3565
SYDNEY NSW 2001

By email: lecourt@justice.nsw.gov.au

The investigation process

7. The Chief Judge will discuss each inquiry with the judicial officer/s involved in the reserved decision. However, at no time will the Chief Judge reveal the inquirer's identity to the judicial officer/s concerned.
8. Upon the investigation's conclusion, the Chief Judge will provide the inquirer with a written response. If this response does not satisfactorily resolve the concerns, the inquirer may write to the Chief Judge again and request a further investigation.

Issued by

The Hon. Justice B J Preston
Chief Judge
Land and Environment Court of NSW
2 November 2007