

**Judicial Council on Cultural Diversity Meeting Communiqué**  
**6 May 2022**

The Judicial Council on Cultural Diversity (JCCD) met in Adelaide on 6 May 2022, with some Members joining via videoconference.

The Chair congratulated Chief Justice Helen Bowskill on her new role as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland and handed over to her the role as Chair of the JCCD. He thanked the Members, the Secretariat, and all who had contributed to the Council's work. The Council welcomed Chief Justice Bowskill as the new Chair.

The JCCD heard from two speakers. Ms Nyadol Nyuon spoke about her experience as a lawyer, community advocate, and Chair of Harmony Alliance: Migrant and Refugee Women for Change. Ms Nyuon spoke on the issues of youth justice, racial discrimination, and the importance of educating people from migrant and refugee backgrounds on daily interactions with the law. Associate Professor Kate Fitz-Gibbon of the Monash Gender and Family Violence Prevention Centre spoke about her work on coercive control and legal responses, specifically the National Plan Victim-Survivor Advocates Consultation Final Report.

The Council was informed of the status of several action items from the previous meeting. Justice Perry briefed the Council on the launch of the *Recommended National Standards* Second Edition, noting that the launch event in Queensland was a success. Justice Wood noted that the *Interpreters in Criminal Proceedings* benchbook would be published soon. Judge Soulio informed Members that the e-learning course for the legal was nearing completion and would be launched shortly.

The Council discussed the e-learning course for judicial officers. Judge Soulio noted that the course content had been drafted in full. The Council considered the content and agreed to share feedback with the Secretariat.

The Secretariat shared a proposal for a consultation and research project on domestic and family violence and coercive control. Members discussed the emerging work on the topic from various other organisations and governments. The Council also discussed the possibility of undertaking a consultation and research project on the issue of youth justice. The Secretariat agreed to prepare detailed briefs on possible projects for both issues.

The Council discussed two projects for the future workplan; QR Code Posters for Courts and Tribunals and an update of the Legal Literate plain English glossary app. Members agreed that a pilot of the QR Code project should focus on a specific court and jurisdiction. Once a specific court and jurisdiction agreed to participate, a working group would be formed. Members agreed to form a working group to update and expand the legal literate app. Justice Kelly, Justice Dhanji and Ms Anne Britton volunteered, with Justice Berman to act as Chair.

The Council considered other areas where particular advocacy or resources may be beneficial. Members agreed to form two subcommittees to focus on technology, one with specific focus on courtroom interpreting technology, and another to focus on technology relating to e-learning courses. Additionally, diversity in the judiciary was raised as an area for future focus. Judge Soulio noted that the CDJN will be compiling a paper to present to the Council for consideration at the next meeting.

The JCCD will hold its next meeting in March 2022 in Adelaide, border restrictions permitting.