

Below is a message from Judge Goodwin on court operations now that Auckland is moving to alert level 2.

List Courts (COCA and OT) will continue as they currently operate.

For short cause, settlement conferences and half day hearings, we have operated a call over the week before. This process will now change.

In the next month we have additional allocated short cause and half day courts. This means we would have to run two call over courts the week before. This is unsustainable from the registry perspective. The pressure on our registry has been enormous through alert level 3 and 2.5.

We will, therefore revert to short cause and half day hearings being called over on the day of hearing. However, to ensure there is no overcrowding in court, matters will be called into court one at a time.

We would urge counsel where possible to avoid attendance by early engagement with other counsel and all requests for adjournments or agreed directions will be dealt with as rapidly as possible.

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