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**Dear Practitioner** 

## Workers' Compensation Procedures Canberra Pilot – Pilot evaluation

The Canberra Pilot to trial new procedures for the Tribunal's workers' compensation jurisdiction commenced on 1 February 2022.

Prior to the Pilot commencing we indicated that an evaluation of the Pilot would commence from April 2022. This statement has created some uncertainty regarding the length of the program and the evaluation process.

By way of clarification, April 2022 was identified as the date when evaluation would begin because matters subject to the Pilot changes would be reaching their first conference at that point. The period of the Pilot was always expected to extend beyond April.

To date, only a small number of Pilot applications have proceeded to the first conference. It would be premature to draw any firm conclusions about the significance of the changes at this point. In order to ensure that a reasonable sample of matters are available for assessment, the Pilot procedures will continue to apply to applications filed up until June 30.

The Tribunal welcomes and encourages all feedback from stakeholders in relation to the operation of the Pilot, including by reference to specific experiences, positive or negative, that stakeholders have had through engagement with the changes being trialled.

Yours sincerely

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