

SUPREME COURT
OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

CHAMBERS OF CHIEF JUSTICE MURRELL

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Dear Ms Lambert

Principal Registrar ACT Courts and Tribunal

I write in support of the submission that the base salary of the Principal Registrar should be increased.

For the reasons stated in the Principal Registrar's submission, the current salary does not adequately recognise her responsibilities. The role requires:

1. A very high level of organisational ability, balancing the strategic and operational needs of three independent bodies, whose strategic goals and needs often compete.
2. Accountability for a budget of \$74 million budget and 210 FTE.
3. Excellent diplomatic skills, particularly when dealing with the Attorney-General and his senior staff. The Principal Registrar must negotiate the difficult, chronic but inevitable tensions between the two arms of government.

The myriad and complex responsibilities of the Principal Registrar have been thrown into high relief during the Covid 19 Pandemic, but this is cited by way of example not exception.

Should the Tribunal consider that it may be of benefit to do so, I would be happy to meet with the Tribunal, either virtually or in person.

Yours Sincerely,



Chief Justice Helen Murrell