

**SUPREME COURT**  
**OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

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CHAMBERS OF CHIEF JUSTICE MCCALLUM

30 September 2022

**Ms Sandra Lambert**

Chair

ACT Remuneration Tribunal

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Dear Ms Lambert

Thank you for your invitation to provide a submission to the Remuneration Tribunal as to the terms and conditions of the role of Chief Justice and other roles within the ACT Justice system.

In respect of the additional allowance paid to the Chief Justice, I note that the allowance currently paid is 10% of resident judge remuneration. I respectfully submit that it should remain at this rate. Should you seek to change this position, I would ask to be heard.

I have read the submission of Associate Judge McWilliam dated 30 September 2022. I support her submission that the practice of paying the role approximately 92% of the remuneration of a resident Judge should remain, given the duties of that position.

I have also read the submission of Ms Amanda Nuttall, Principal Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the ACT Courts and Tribunal (CEO ACTCT). Since commencing as Chief Justice in March of this year, I have had the opportunity to observe the extent and complexity of Ms Nuttall's responsibilities. The CEO ACTCT is the most senior administrative officer in the courts and also supports three heads of jurisdiction, each being a very different jurisdiction with very different statutory responsibilities. The role requires a very high level of organisational ability, balancing the strategic and operational needs of three independent bodies whose strategic goals and needs often compete. Significantly, the CEO ACTCT is accountable for a budget of \$77M and 210 FTE, significantly larger responsibilities than those of similar roles across the ACT.

I am of the view that the current salary does not adequately remunerate or recognise the extent of the Principal Registrar's responsibilities and should be increased to achieve parity with similar roles. In light of the relative complexity of the role of CEO ACTCT against other roles set out in Ms Nuttall's submission, I support an increase to reflect the remuneration of the CEO ACT Legal Aid and ACT Human Rights Commissioner.

Yours Sincerely,



Chief Justice Lucy McCallum