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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

The Court acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (First Nations) peoples as the First Peoples of Australia. The Court acknowledges and pays its respects to the Traditional Owners of the country on which the Court's eight registries are situated across Australia.

The Court acknowledges the challenges facing the Australian community in our relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are treated by the justice system. In this Court, that includes but is by no means limited to, the administration of the Court's jurisdiction under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), where the Court's processes and decisions have a significant impact on the interests of First Nations Peoples. The Court is committed to the improved administration of all its jurisdictions, where they affect First Nations Peoples.

READER'S GUIDE

The purpose of this report is to inform the Attorney-General, the Parliament, court users and the general public about the performance of the Federal Court of Australia (the Court) in the financial year ending 30 June 2024.

Part 1: Chief Justice's year in review

Part 2: Overview of the Court

Part 3: The Court's work in 2023–24

Part 4: Management and accountability

Part 5: Report of the National Native Title Tribunal

Part 6: Appendices

Part 7: Indexes

Includes the list of requirements and alphabetical index.

Acronyms and abbreviations and a glossary of court-specific terminology are on pages 154–158.

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**FEDERAL COURT
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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

30 September 2024

The Hon Mark Dreyfus KC MP
Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Australia
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Attorney-General

I have pleasure in submitting the annual report on the operations of the Federal Court of Australia for the financial year ending 30 June 2024.

This report is submitted in accordance with:

- section 18S of the *Federal Court of Australia Act 1976* (Cth), and
- section 133 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

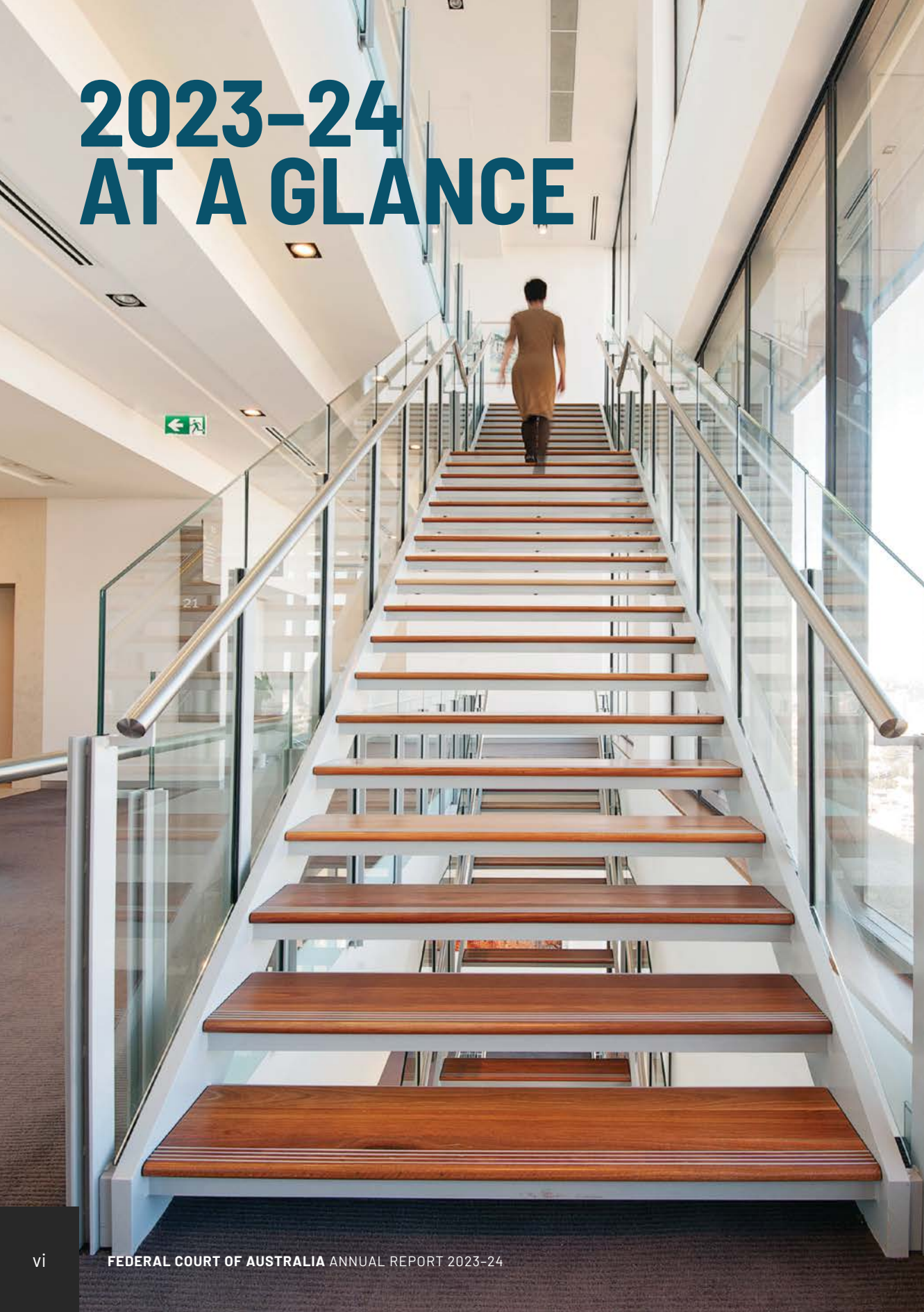
A report on the provision of corporate and registry services and the financial statements are included as part of the Federal Court of Australia Listed Entity's 2023–24 annual report.

The Federal Court of Australia Listed Entity is a non-corporate Commonwealth listed entity for the purposes of the *Public Governance and Accountability Act 2013* (Cth). The Listed Entity provides corporate and registry services in support of the operations of the Federal Court of Australia.

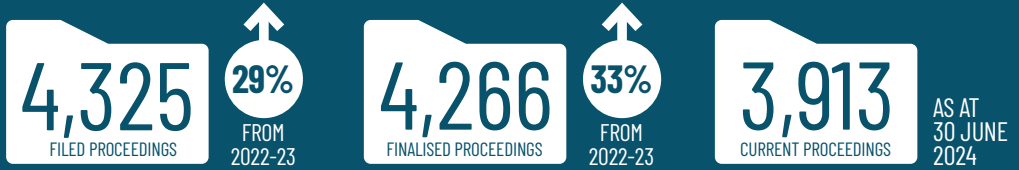
Yours sincerely

D S Mortimer
Chief Justice, Federal Court of Australia

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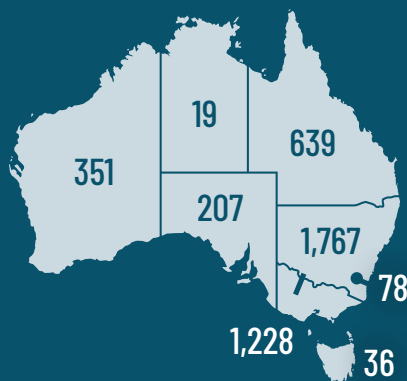
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Proceedings filed by National Practice Area



Proceedings filed in each state and territory



1,841
DELIVERED
JUDGMENTS

1,493
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79% OF JUDGMENTS WERE
DELIVERED IN 3 MONTHS



86% OF JUDGMENTS WERE
DELIVERED IN 6 MONTHS



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