



Court ordered conference

If you wish to oppose the Order the Court will order you to have a conference with the Department of Child Safety in an effort to resolve the matter without the need for going to trial.

Pursuant to Section 69 of the Child Protection Act 1999 where a Children's Court orders a conference to be held between the parties a chairperson for the conference must be convened and the conference held as soon as practicable. It is compulsory for all parties in respect to this matter to attend the conference with the exception of the children however no other persons are able to attend the conference without the specific approval of the chairperson.

We confirm that anything said at the conference is inadmissible in any proceedings before the Court other than with the consent of all the parties involved.

As soon as practicable after the conference is finished the chairperson will file in the Court a report of the conference containing the particulars prescribed under the Court rules. Those particulars relate to whether or not an agreement has been reached between the parties and if an agreement is reached between the parties and it is practicable to do so an

application to bring the matter on earlier can be made to finalise the matter.

Should you be unable to reach an agreement at the Court Ordered Conference then the only further avenue in respect to this matter is to have this matter listed for trial in the Children's Court.

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