

Family Court of Australia Practice Direction: No 3 of 1999

Applications to the court arising from traditional and customary adoption practices - Kupai Omasker

Despite any other provision of the Family Law Rules applications for parenting orders concerning residence, contact and specific issues as a result of traditional and customary adoption practices by Torres Strait Islanders (Kupai Omasker) are to be made pursuant to a Form 8 supported by an affidavit substantially in compliance with the proforma affidavits entitled:

"Kupai Omasker (affidavit of applicant)"
"Kupai Omasker (respondent's affidavit)"

Information sheets have been developed to assist in completing the affidavits:

"Kupai Omasker - Torres Strait Islander Traditional Adoption Information for Applicants"

"Kupai Omasker - Torres Strait Islander Traditional Adoption Information for Respondents"

Background information about Kupai Omasker is also available in an information sheet entitled:

"Kupai Omasker Traditional Torres Strait Islander Child Rearing Practice"

These documents will be available from Court Registries in the usual way from 4 January 2000. The purpose of the proforma affidavits and information sheets is to assist Court users and improve the focus of the information put before the Court in support of these applications. As from 1 January 2000 affidavits of this type must be

used in such applications and responses.

In order to contain the amount of material and the costs associated with bringing such applications to Court it is not intended that where there is a consent agreement for the orders sought that any form other than a Form 8 and supporting affidavits will be required to be filed.

In any cases in which there is not a consent for orders to be made involving traditional and customary Torres Strait Islander practice the prescribed Rules of Court as to the preparation and filing of affidavits will apply. To protect the privacy of the families and child involved in these matters the certification signed and sealed by the Court will be issued to the applicants in cases where orders are made.

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Toyota has sold more vehicles in Australia in the last decade than any other automotive manufacturer according to industry statistician VFACTS.

It delivered 1,274,642 cars and trucks and claimed number one position in the overall market five times.

"It's no longer true to talk of the Big Two - it is now the Big Three," Toyota senior executive vice-president John Conomos said.

Toyota outsold its nearest rival Ford by 23,352, and Holden by 79,193 over the decade. It also held the Number One position more often than its rivals.

The 1990s was the first decade in which all three makers claimed a number one position. Toyota dominated five years, Ford led four and Holden one.

"Decade leadership was a goal as a means of creating a substantial and contemporary customer base," Mr Conomos said.

"That base will be a major determinant of success going into the next decade."

More motor vehicles were sold in Australia in the nineties than ever before.

TOYOTA TOPS SALES OF THE DECADE



More than 6.4 million vehicles were sold in total in the 1990s - 11 percent greater than the 1980s (total: 5.8 million) which were 4.4 percent greater again than the 1970s (total: 5.5 million).



Toyota accounted for 19.75 percent of deliveries in the 1990s, 17.7 percent in the 1980s and 11.1 percent in the 1970s.

"The sales growth and acceptance of Toyota vehicles in the last decade has been exponential," Mr Conomos said.

"The breadth and quality of Toyota's range has been a major contributor.

"Toyota's investment in Australia's most modern manufacturing plant and its commitment to a strong export program have also contributed to domestic sales success.

"A motor manufacturing company, especially in Australia, can only survive on the strength of a strong domestic market and energetic export activity."

Toyota currently has more than \$140 million of capital improvements underway in its domestic sales network due for completion in the first half of 2000.

It is due to launch its first locally manufactured large car, the Avalon, in the middle of the year.

"Service will be an increasingly important component of customer retention in the new decade," Mr Conomos said.

"Any network not geared to offer customers value-plus service will risk extinction."

Mr Conomos said the new Avalon would expand Toyota's ability to service its customers in all market segments.

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