

## Family Dispute Resolution



### Why use Family Dispute Resolution (FDR)?

Family Dispute Resolution (family mediation) is the most effective way of resolving parenting and property disputes.



### Why choose us over publicly funded family mediation services?

Unlike publicly funded organisations, mediations can be arranged with us within 2 weeks.



### How does mediation work?

Mediation is a process designed to help parties reach an agreement.

All parties will be able to work through their issues with the mediator(s) and discover options in a safe manner.



### What happens at the initial consultation?

The mediator will:

- Discuss the process of mediation
- Obtain information about the circumstances
- Consider the best way to mediate
- Make an assessment whether there are barriers to the mediation being successful



### Arranging the mediation?

We will invite the other party to resolve the dispute through mediation and will have an initial consultation with them.



### What if they don't want to attend the mediation?

We can issue a certificate that will allow you to have the court determine your dispute.



### How long does mediation take?

Generally, from half to a full day.



### What is the cost?

- Initial consultation FREE
- Case Assessment FREE
- Issue of certificate \$400
- 4-hour mediation \$1,500
- 6-hour mediation \$2,000



### Our role as mediator

We are a neutral party that will assist you in reaching an agreement.



### How to start resolving your dispute?

Call us on 1300 LETS CHAT or email [inbox@mediationforfamilies.com.au](mailto:inbox@mediationforfamilies.com.au)



### What will happen at the mediation?

- **Start**  
The mediation will discuss the process, their role and the rules of mediation.
- **Hearing each other**  
Each person will tell the mediator what they hope to achieve at the mediation. The mediator will then discuss common ground.
- **Setting agenda**  
The mediator will outline all proposed topics on a whiteboard seeking agreement from the parties about the topics and the order of discussion.
- **Helping you both towards resolution**  
The mediator will assist you in exploring the issues and will work with the parties to explore possible options
- **Give you a break from the mediation**  
The mediator will give you an individual discussion with each party to assist the parties in developing solutions.
- **Helping you exchange ideas and reach agreement**  
The mediator will enable you to put forward proposals to reach agreement.
- **Documents**  
The mediator will draft agreements where requested detailing agreements met in mediation.

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