



## FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

### CHARGING FOR USE OF VIDEOCONFERENCING

From 1 February 2005, new charging arrangements will apply to video links requested by parties in relation to Federal Court matters.

As a general rule, where a party requests a video link, the party or parties will meet the cost of the video link.

In other circumstances the Court or a Judge may, as appropriate, make an order as to who is to bear the cost, or determine that costs will be met by the Court.

A new fee structure has also been introduced and is as follows:

#### **Service Charges:**

##### **Minimum cost**

Set-up and test video link, **first 15 minutes** use of equipment and attendance of court officer **\$150** per Federal Court site

Subsequent completed quarter hours, use of equipment and attendance of court officer **\$50** per Federal Court site

##### **Transmission costs:**

384 kbps @ \$112 per hour **\$28** per completed 15 minutes

(this is the standard speed for videoconferencing)

256 kbps @ \$76 per hour **\$19** per completed 15 minutes

128 kbps @ \$36 per hour **\$9** per completed 15 minutes

Overseas sites At cost

Note: All charges are inclusive of GST.

*Example of cost of video link for 60 minutes @ 384 kbps between two Federal Court sites:*

#### **Service Charges**

Set up and test video link and **first 15 mins** use of equipment and attendance of court officer ( $\$150 \times 2$  sites) = \$300

Subsequent completed quarter hours, use of equipment and attendance of court officer ( $\$50 \times 45$  minutes  $\times 2$  sites) = \$300

#### **Transmission Charges:**

Within Australia @ 384 kbps ( $\$112$  per hour  $\times 1$  hour) = \$112

**TOTAL COST - Including GST** = **\$712**

Charges may also apply for other costs incurred by the Court (eg for a cancelled video link or for video links undertaken outside normal business hours).

For further information, please contact the local State or Territory Federal Court Registry.