



Flow chart for changing existing parenting orders

Change in circumstances

1. Has there been a significant change in circumstances?
AND
 2. Is it in the child's best interests - (Family Law Act S60CC(2) & (3))
- If yes to both the Orders may be changed.

Deciding the new arrangements

Shall parental responsibility be equal or sole?
Consider the best interests of the child

Sole parental responsibility

Arrangements will be made in the best interests of the child (Court does not start with considering equal time)

Equal parental responsibility

The court must consider equal time with each party if:

1. Best interests of the child
AND
2. If equal time is reasonably practicable

If not equal time

The court then considers if substantial or significant time if:

1. Best interests of the child
AND
2. If substantial and significant time is reasonably practicable

If not substantial and significant time

The Court will make parenting arrangements according to the best interests of the child.

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