**Chapter 6: Divorce**

Chapter 6 contains confirmation that The Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 received Royal Assent on 25 June 2020 and will have a commencement date of 6 April 2022.

**6.1 Introduction**

This chapter discusses the Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 (DDSA) which will change the process of divorce and allow married couples to divorce without assigning blame, once it comes into force, which is hoped to be by the end of 2021 on 6 April 2022.

The Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Act 2020 received Royal Assent on 25 June 2020 and will have a commencement date of 6 April 2022. It is anticipated that the changes will come into force in 2021 and the changes will replace the fault part of divorce by only requiring a statement from either or both parties confirming irretrievable breakdown of marriage. There is to be a minimum timeframe of twenty weeks and the two-stage process will be retained.