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I note from the last issue of LawPoints that the Rules Committee is seeking submissions/comments in relation to its report on Improving Access to Civil Justice.

I would be interested to know if the Committee has considered encouraging the reasonably well known ADR alternatives of expert determination or early neutral evaluation. I have discussed this at times with another QC in Christchurch whose predominant field is also civil and commercial litigation (as is mine) and he agrees that these alternatives could be used more frequently for cases that are not complex or where the costs of litigation would be uneconomic. No doubt the Committee is well aware of these ADR alternatives and one only has to do a quick google search to find that there is quite a lot of available literature about them.

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