



## REGISTER OF AUSTRALASIAN TRIBUNALS

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## New Zealand Tribunals

<p><b>Disputes Tribunal</b></p>	<p>Ms Anne Darroch Principal Disputes Referee</p> <p>Wayne Newall, National Manager, Specialist Courts and Tribunals, Ministry of Justice</p>	<p>Private Bag 32001 Featherston Street WELLINGTON 6146 NEW ZEALAND</p> <p>Phone: +64 4 4626 660</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.justice.govt.nz">www.justice.govt.nz</a></p>	<p>The Disputes Tribunal deals with many types of dispute. You can take a dispute to the Tribunal even if you have agreed in writing not to, or a contract says "no responsibility accepted".</p> <p>The dispute could concern an amount up to \$15,000 or, if everyone involved agrees, up to \$20,000. If your dispute involves more than this amount, and you want the Disputes Tribunal to deal with it, you must reduce the amount you are claiming.</p> <p>The Disputes Tribunal can help with the following kinds of disputes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether work has been done properly</li> <li>• whether goods purchased were what you asked for</li> <li>• the amount charged for work done</li> <li>• damage to property, for example a car damaged in a collision or a lawnmower lent to a neighbour that is returned damaged</li> <li>• loss of property, for example, someone borrows a bike and doesn't return it</li> <li>• payment for a loss caused by misleading advertising or misleading statements made by someone selling goods or services, for example an advertisement that suggests speakers are included in a sound system when they are an extra cost</li> <li>• whether a boundary fence needs replacing or how costs will be shared</li> <li>• hire purchase agreements</li> <li>• denying that you owe money for an account sent to you.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Employment Relations Authority New Zealand</b></p>	<p>Mr James Crichton Chief</p>	<p>PO Box 105117, 20 Hobson Street AUCKLAND 1030 NEW ZEALAND</p> <p>Phone: +64 09 357 9740</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.era.govt.nz">www.era.govt.nz</a></p>	<p>The Employment Relations Authority investigates and determines "Employment Relationship problems" that cannot be resolved through mediation.</p> <p>A dissatisfied party can proceed to the Employment Court to a hearing de novo or for a re-hearing of a particular part of the case.</p>

<b>Human Rights Review Tribunal</b>	Mr Rodger Haines QC	C/- Tribunals Unit Private Bag 32001 Panama Street WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND  Phone: +64 4 462 6660  Web: <a href="http://www.justice.govt.nz">www.justice.govt.nz</a>	<p>The Human Rights Review Tribunal was established in 1977 under the Human Rights Commission Act, as the Equal Opportunities Tribunal. It became the Complaints Review Tribunal in 1993 and the Human Rights Review Tribunal in 2002.</p> <p>The Tribunal comprises a chairperson and a panel of up to 20 members, appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice. Deputy chairpersons are sometimes appointed to deal with particular cases.</p> <p>Cases are usually heard where the events giving rise to them have taken place, with a chairperson and two panel members hearing each case.</p>
<b>Immigration and Protection Tribunal</b>	Judge Peter Spiller Chair	Specialist Courts and Tribunals Centre Chorus House, Level 1 41 Federal Street Auckland 1010 New Zealand  Telephone: 64 9 914-4299 Fax: 64 9 914-5263 Web: <a href="http://www.justice.govt.nz/tribunals/immigration-protection-tribunal">http://www.justice.govt.nz/tribunals/immigration-protection-tribunal</a>	<p>The Immigration and Protection Tribunal is an independent body established under the Immigration Act 2009 to hear appeals and applications regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• decisions in relation to residence class visas</li> <li>• decisions in relation to the recognition of a person as a refugee or a protected person</li> <li>• decisions to cease to recognise a person as a refugee or a protected person</li> <li>• decisions to cancel the recognition of a New Zealand citizen as a refugee or a protected person</li> <li>• liability for deportation.</li> </ul> <p>The Tribunal is administered by the Ministry of Justice. It is chaired by a District Court Judge, appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Attorney-General, with 18 members (including a Deputy Chair) appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice.</p>

<p><b>Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal</b></p>	<p>Judge D Clarkson Presiding Officer Steve Gunson Acting National Manager Tribunals Unit</p>	<p>DX EX 11086 Auckland 1010 New Zealand</p> <p>Phone: +64 9 914 4299</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.justice.govt.nz">&gt;&gt;tribunals&gt;&gt;lawyers-and-conveyancers-disciplinary-tribunal</a></p>	<p>The Tribunal hears and determines disciplinary charges against the legal and conveyancing professions. These charges are referred to it by a standards committee of the New Zealand Law Society or Society of Conveyancers or the Legal Complaints Review Officer. It sits as a quorum of five comprising the chair, two lawyer members and two lay members.</p> <p>The Tribunal also deals with legal matters that relate to employment, registration, revocations and appeals made to it by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practitioners or former practitioners</li> <li>• Incorporated firms or former incorporated firms</li> <li>• Employees or former employees of practitioners or former practitioners</li> <li>• Employees or former employees of incorporated firms or former incorporated firms</li> </ul>
<p><b>New Zealand Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal (HPDT)</b></p>	<p>Mr David Carden Chairperson</p> <p>Ms Gay Fraser Executive Officer</p>	<p>Level 6 80 The Terrace Wellington</p> <p>PO Box 10509 The Terrace Wellington NZ 6143</p> <p><a href="mailto:hpdt@hpdt.org.nz">hpdt@hpdt.org.nz</a> Web: <a href="http://www.hpdt.org.nz">www.hpdt.org.nz</a></p>	<p>The HPDT was established in September 2004 following the introduction of the <i>Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003</i>. The Tribunal's role is to hear and determine disciplinary proceedings brought against health practitioners in 22 health professions</p> <p>Anaesthetic technicians Chiropractors Dentists Dental therapists Dental hygienists Dental technicians and clinical dental technicians Dietitians Medical practitioners Dispensing opticians Medical laboratory technicians Medical laboratory scientists and technologists Medical radiation technologists Midwives Nurses Occupational therapists Optometrists Osteopaths Pharmacists Physiotherapists Podiatrists Psychologists Psychotherapists</p>

<b>New Zealand Social Workers Registration Board Complaints and Disciplinary Tribunal</b>	Mr Sean McInley Chief Executive Officer	PO Box 10 150 The Terrace Wellington NEW ZEALAND  Tel: +64 4 931 2650  Web: <a href="http://www.swrb.org.nz">www.swrb.org.nz</a>	The Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB) is a Crown agency that provides public assurance that Registered Social Workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• meet professional standards of competent practice</li> <li>• are accountable for the way in which they practise</li> <li>• undertake ongoing professional development.</li> </ul>
<b>Social Security Appeals Authority New Zealand</b>	Ms Marilyn Wallace, Chairperson	PO Box 5027 WELLINGTON NEW ZEALAND  Phone: +61 4 918 8390  Web: <a href="http://www.justice.govt.nz">www.justice.govt.nz</a> >>tribunals>>social-security-appeals-authority	
<b>Tenancy Tribunal</b>	Ms Melissa Poole Principal Tenancy Adjudicator  Tania Togatama Tribunal Administrator	P O Box 2124 ROTORUA 3040 NEW ZEALAND  Phone: +64 7 921 7579  Web: <a href="http://www.justice.govt.nz">www.justice.govt.nz</a>	The Tenancy Tribunal hears disputes between landlords and tenants of residential properties who have not been able to reach agreement in mediation provided by the Department of Building and Housing.

<b>Weathertight Homes Tribunal</b>	Mr David Plunkett Chair	Private Bag 92535 Wellesley Street AUCKLAND 1141 NEW ZEALAND  Phone: +64 9 356 5630  Web: <a href="http://www.justice.govt.nz">&gt;&gt;tribunals&gt;&gt;wht</a>	<p>The existing disputes and resolution process was established under the Weathertight Homes Resolution Services Act 2006 on 1 April 2007 to provide fast, flexible and cost-effective procedures for resolving leaky home disputes. It is to be administered by two government agencies; the Department of Building and Housing and the Ministry of Justice. The Department of Building and Housing receives claim applications and provides assessment, information, guidance and mediation services. The Weathertight Homes Tribunal, supported by the Ministry of Justice, is a judicially independent Tribunal that provides adjudication for claims.</p>
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## Australian Commonwealth Tribunals

### Administrative Appeals Tribunal

The Hon. Justice Duncan Kerr, *Chev LH*  
President

Ms Sian Leathem  
Registrar

*General Division*  
Ms Carolyn Krochmal  
Acting Division Registrar

*Migration & Refugee Division*  
Dr Irene O'Connell  
Acting Division Head  
Ms Jacqueline Fredman  
Division Registrar

*Social Services & Child Support Division*  
Mr Jim Walsh  
Acting Division Head  
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Acting Division Registrar

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On 1 July 2015, the Migration Review Tribunal, Refugee Review Tribunal and Social Security Appeals Tribunal amalgamated to form the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

The AAT conducts independent merits review of administrative decisions made under more than 400 Commonwealth laws. The AAT can also review decisions made under Norfolk Island laws.

The AAT is comprised of a Principal Registry and the following divisions:

- Freedom of Information
- General
- Migration & Refugee (including the Immigration Assessment Authority)
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Security
- Social Services & Child Support
- Taxation & Commercial
- Veterans' Appeals

The most common types of decisions that the AAT reviews relate to:

- migration and refugee visas and visa-related decisions
- child support
- Commonwealth workers' compensation
- Family assistance, paid parental leave, social security and student assistance
- taxation
- veterans' entitlements

The AAT also reviews decisions relating to Australian citizenship, bankruptcy, civil aviation, corporations and financial services regulation, customs, freedom of information, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), passports and security assessments by the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO).

<b>ASX Tribunal</b>	<p>Ms Christine Jones Chairperson</p>	<p>Level 7, 20 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000</p>	<p>The ASX Tribunal is an independent body vested with the responsibility of determining, through a process of peer review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• appeals from certain decisions made by ASX; and</li> <li>• disciplinary proceedings in relation to alleged contraventions of the ASX operating rules arising from conduct that occurred prior to 1 August 2010, including any appeals from such determinations.</li> </ul> <p>The Tribunal operates independently of ASX, with legal and secretariat support from ASX. The Tribunal is comprised of a panel of nominated industry professionals. Panel members are selected according to a range of criteria that relate to their skills, experience and qualifications. The peer review Tribunal model ensures industry relevance and confidence.</p>
<b>Australian Competition Tribunal</b>	<p>The Hon Justice John Mansfield <i>AM</i> President</p> <p>Ms Patricia Christie Registrar</p>	<p>Level 16, Law Courts Building Queens Square SYDNEY NSW 2000</p> <p>Contact Executive Officer Anne Gorgula Tel: (08) 8219 1085 Fax: (08) 8219 8535</p> <p><u>Web:</u> <a href="http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au">www.competitiontribunal.gov.au</a></p> <p><u>Email:</u> <a href="mailto:registry@competitiontribunal.gov.au">registry@competitiontribunal.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The Australian Competition Tribunal hears applications for the review of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Determinations by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) in relation to the grant or revocation of authorisations which would permit conduct or arrangements that would otherwise be prohibited for being anti-competitive;</li> <li>• Decisions by the Minister or the ACCC in relation to allowing third parties to have access to the services of essential facilities of national significance, such as electricity grids or gas pipelines; and</li> <li>• Determinations by the ACCC in relation to notices issued under section 93 of the <i>Trade Practices Act 1974</i> in relation to exclusive dealing.</li> </ul> <p>The Australian Competition Tribunal has dedicated officers within the Federal Court of Australia in all capital cities.</p>

<b>Classification Review Board</b>	Ms Maureen Shelley Convener	Level 6, 23-33 Mary Street SURRY HILLS NSW 2010  Locked Bag 3 HAYMARKET NSW 1240  Tel: (02) 9289 7100 Fax: (02) 9289 7101 <u>Web:</u> <a href="http://www.classification.gov.au">www.classification.gov.au</a> <u>Email:</u> <a href="mailto:CRB@classification.gov.au">CRB@classification.gov.au</a>	The Classification Review Board reviews, on application, decisions made by the Classification Board under the <i>Classification (Publications, Films and Computer Games) Act 1995</i> (Cth). Secretariat support for the Review Board is provided by the Classification Operations Branch, Attorney-General's Department.
<b>Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board</b>	Ms Marie McCrossin Chair  Mr Gary Hoare Registrar	GPO Box 3731 SYDNEY NSW 2001  Tel: (02) 9911-2970 Fax: (02) 9911-2975  Web: <a href="http://www.caldb.gov.au/caldb/caldbweb">www.caldb.gov.au/caldb/caldbweb</a>	CALDB was established in 1990 to replace similar state based Boards at the time of the implementation of the Corporations Act 1989 and the ASIC Act 1989. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board is required by the Corporations Act 2001 to determine whether a registered auditor or liquidator should be dealt with under section 1292.</li> <li>• CALDB members are appointed by the Treasurer based on the requirements of the ASIC Act 2001 and have a breadth of knowledge and experience encompassing the law, accounting and business.</li> <li>• The Board has the functions and powers conferred on it by or under the Corporations Act 2001 ("the Act") (in particular sections 1292 to 1298) and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 ("ASIC Act") (in particular sections 203 to 223).</li> </ul> The Board has no statutory power to initiate or carry out investigations into the conduct of auditors or liquidators. The role of the Board is to deal with Applications made by ASIC or APRA.
<b>Copyright Tribunal of Australia</b>	The Hon Justice Arthur Emmett President	Level 16 Law Courts Building Queens Square SYDNEY NSW 2000  Tel: (02) 9230-8567 Fax: (02) 9230-8881 Web: <a href="http://www.copyrighttribunal.gov.au">www.copyrighttribunal.gov.au</a>	The Copyright Tribunal of Australia is an independent body administered by the Federal Court of Australia.  The Tribunal was established under Part VI of the <a href="#">Australian Copyright Act 1968</a> . The Tribunal consists of a President, a number of Deputy Presidents and other members as appointed by the Governor-General. A presidential member must be a judge of the Federal Court of Australia. Other members must have a knowledge of, or experience in one of the areas of expertise as set out in s. 140(2) of the Copyright Act, which includes law, industry, public administration and economics. The Tribunal has no physical resources of its own. The funds appropriated by Parliament for the purpose of the Tribunal are managed by the Federal Court of Australia. Registry services and administrative support for the Tribunal are provided by staff of the Federal Court.

<b>Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal</b>	<p>The Hon Justice Richard Tracey <i>RFD</i> President</p> <p>Ms Sia Lagos Registrar</p>	<p>c/- Federal Court of Australia, 305 William Street Melbourne VIC 3000</p> <p>Telephone: (03) 8600 3505</p> <p>Facsimile: 03) 8600 3522</p>	<p>The Defence Force Discipline Appeal Tribunal was established in 1955 and hears and determines appeals from courts martial and Defence Force Magistrates in respect of service offences by Defence Force Personnel.</p> <p>Note: No annual reports or review data is published on the website.</p>
<b>Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal</b>	<p>Mr Mark Sullivan AO Chairperson</p>	<p>Level 1 105 Tennant Street Fyshwick</p> <p>Locked Bag 7765 Canberra BC ACT 2610</p> <p>Telephone (02) 6266 1019</p>	<p>The Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal is an independent statutory body that has been established under the <i>Defence Act</i> 1903. The Tribunal commenced operation as a statutory body on 5 January 2011. Before that it operated administratively from July 2008.</p> <p>Note: No annual reports or review data is published on the website.</p>
<b>Fair Work Commission</b>	<p>The Hon Justice Iain Ross <i>AO</i> President</p>	<p>11 Exhibition Street Melbourne Vic 3000 &amp; GPO Box 1994, Melbourne Victoria 3001</p> <p>Tel: 8661 7829 Fax: 9655 0401 Web: <a href="http://www.fwc.gov.au">www.fwc.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Fair Work Australia is the national workplace relations tribunal. It is an independent body with power to carry out a range of functions relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the safety net of minimum wages and employment conditions</li> <li>• enterprise bargaining</li> <li>• industrial action</li> <li>• dispute resolution</li> <li>• termination of employment</li> <li>• other workplace matters</li> </ul> <p>In terms of dispute resolution, FWC resolves disputes between employers, employees, unions and employer associations who are covered by the national workplace relations system.</p> <p>The main types of disputes that can be referred to FWC are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• disputes under the terms of an award or a collective or enterprise agreement</li> <li>• bargaining disputes</li> <li>• disputes arising under the general protections provisions of the Fair Work Act 2009, and</li> <li>• unfair dismissals</li> </ul>

<b>National Native Title Tribunal</b>	<p>Ms Raelene Webb QC President</p> <p>Mr Rob Powrie Acting Native Title Registrar</p>	<p>Address: Level 5, Commonwealth Law Courts Building 1 Victoria Avenue Perth, WA 6000</p> <p>GPO Box 9973 PERTH WA 6848</p> <p>Tel: (08) 9425 1000 Fax: (08) 9425 1193 Web: <a href="http://www.nntt.gov.au">www.nntt.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) is an independent agency established by the <i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)</i> (the Act).</p> <p>The NNTT comprises a President and Members, who are appointed by the Governor General under the Act. The Native Title Registrar, also appointed by the Governor General, carries out a wide range of functions under the Act.</p> <p>The NNTT and Registrar’s functions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conducting inquiries, reviews and mediations;</li> <li>• assisting various parties with native title applications and Indigenous land use agreements (‘ILUAs’);</li> <li>• making administrative decisions about the registration of claimant applications and ILUAs;</li> <li>• maintaining the Register of Native Title Claims, the National Native Title Register and the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements.</li> </ul>
<b>Professional Services Review</b>	<p>David Rankin Acting Director</p> <p>Bruce Topperwein Acting Executive Officer</p>	<p>Level One, 20 Brindabella Circuit Brindabella Business Park Canberra Airport 2609</p> <p>PO Box 7152 Canberra Business Centre ACT 2610</p> <p>Tel: (02) 6120- 9100 Fax: (02) 6120- 9199</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.psr.gov.au">www.psr.gov.au</a></p> <p>Email: enquiries@psr.gov.au</p>	<p>PSR was established in July 1994 as an Agency within the Health Portfolio to provide administration and support services to the Director of PSR, PSR peer review Committees and the Determining Authority in performing their legislated functions under the <i>Health Insurance Act 1973</i>.</p> <p>PSR is responsible for reviewing and examining possible inappropriate practice by practitioners when they provide Medicare services or prescribe Government subsidised medicines under the PBS. PSR examines suspected cases of inappropriate practice which have been referred by the Secretary of DHS. One of the sanctions that can be imposed on a health practitioner is to disqualify them for providing Medicare or PBS Services.</p> <p>The Director and a PSR Committee (of peers) examines documentation and provides the health practitioner with an opportunity to be heard before making a decision.</p> <p>Health practitioners dissatisfied with the PSR decision can appeal to the Federal Court or Federal Magistrates Court.</p>

<b>Superannuation Complaints Tribunal</b>	Ms Helen Davis Chairperson	Locked Bag 3060 Melbourne Vic 3001  Tel: 1300884114 Fax: (03) 8635-5588 Web: <a href="http://www.sct.gov.au">www.sct.gov.au</a>	<p>The Superannuation Complaints Tribunal deals with complaints about superannuation in the areas of regulated superannuation funds, annuities and deferred annuities, and retirement savings accounts.</p> <p>The Tribunal will inquire into the complaint and try to resolve it by conciliation. However, if conciliation is unsuccessful, the Tribunal will conduct a formal review of the complaint and issue a determination.</p>
<b>Veterans' Review Board</b>	Mr Doug Humphreys Chairperson  Ms Katrina Harry National Registrar	GPO Box 1631 SYDNEY NSW 2001  Tel: (02) 9213 8603 Fax: (02) 9211 3074 Web: <a href="http://www.vrb.gov.au">www.vrb.gov.au</a>	<p>The <b>Veterans' Review Board</b> (VRB) is an independent tribunal that exists to review:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. decisions made by the Repatriation Commission under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (Cth) on:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– claims for acceptance of injury or disease as war-caused or defence-caused;</li> <li>– claims for war widows', war widowers' and orphans' pensions;</li> <li>– assessment of pension rate for incapacity from war-caused or defence-caused injury or disease; and</li> <li>– claims for the grant, or assessment of, attendant allowance; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. determinations under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (Cth) made by:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– the Military Rehabilitation &amp; Compensation Commission; and</li> <li>– the Service Chiefs of the Australian Army, the Royal Australian Navy, and the Royal Australian Air Force</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

## Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Tribunal

### ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal

Graeme Neate AM  
President

Mr Stephen Foldi  
Administrative Registrar

Ms Kristy Soper  
Legal Registrar

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ACAT is established under the *ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2008* (the ACAT Act) and commenced operation in February 2009. It considers applications relating to:

- the review of administrative decisions
- discrimination
- guardianship, financial management and enduring powers of attorney
- mental health treatment and care
- residential tenancies disputes
- energy and water hardship and non-hardship complaints
- civil disputes valued at under \$25,000
- unit titles disputes
- retirement village disputes
- liquor licensing
- compliance with construction industry long service leave obligations
- the discipline and regulation of various occupations including construction occupations, surveyors, architects, security agents, real estate agents, teachers, early childhood workers and the health and legal professions.

## New South Wales (NSW) Tribunals

### NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT)

Justice Robertson Wright  
President

Ms Cathy Szczygielski  
Principal Registrar

#### *Administrative and Equal Opportunity Division*

Magistrate Nancy Hennessy  
Deputy President  
Ms Pauline Green  
Divisional Registrar

#### *Consumer and Commercial Division*

Mr Stuart Westgarth  
Deputy President  
Ms Vikki Hardwick  
Divisional Registrar

#### *Guardianship Division*

Mr Malcolm Schyvens  
Deputy President  
Ms Amanda Curtin  
Divisional Registrar

#### *Occupational Division*

Judge Elizabeth Boland  
Deputy President  
Ms Pauline Green  
Divisional Registrar

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NCAT commenced operating on 1 January 2014 replacing more than 20 of the state's existing tribunals and provides a single gateway for most tribunal services in NSW.

NCAT is comprised of a Principal Registry and four Divisions:

1. Administrative and Equal Opportunity
2. Consumer and Commercial
3. Guardianship
4. Occupational

Each division is headed by a Deputy President with experience relevant to the subject matter of that division. Each Deputy President is responsible for the day-to-day running of the division, including the allocation of members to hear matters.

Services provided by the following NSW tribunals have been consolidated into NCAT:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Tribunal
- Aboriginal Land Councils Pecuniary Interest and Disciplinary Tribunal
- Administrative Decisions Tribunal
- Charity Referees
- Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal
- Dental Tribunal
- Guardianship Tribunal
- Chinese Medicine Tribunal
- Chiropractic Tribunal
- Medical Radiation Practice Tribunal
- Medical Tribunal
- Nursing and Midwifery Tribunal
- Occupational Therapy Tribunal
- Optometry Tribunal
- Osteopathy Tribunal
- Pharmacy Tribunal
- Physiotherapy Tribunal
- Podiatry Tribunal
- Psychology Tribunal
- Local Government Pecuniary Interest and Disciplinary Tribunal
- Local Land Boards
- Victims Compensation Tribunal (transferred into the ADT in June 2013)
- Vocational Training Appeals Panel



<b>Dust Diseases Board</b>	Ms Julie Newman <i>PSM</i> Chairperson	Location: Level 2, 82 Elizabeth Street Sydney NSW  Mail: GPO Box 5323 Sydney NSW 2001  Phone: 02 8223 6600  Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@ddb.nsw.gov.au">enquiries@ddb.nsw.gov.au</a>  Web: <a href="http://www.ddb.nsw.gov.au">www.ddb.nsw.gov.au</a>	The Dust Diseases Board examines hears and determines claims for compensation (benefits not damages) by NSW workers who suffer a dust disease. The DDB was established in 1920 to compensate workers with diseases caused by silica dusts.  Where certain conditions exist, the Board may consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical examination of NSW workers exposed to dust in the workplace (1,500 on 2012/13)</li> <li>• The Medical Authority determines whether an application has a dust disease, the extent of any disability and level of occupational exposure</li> <li>• Paying compensation benefits to eligible NSW workers and dependants</li> <li>• Co-ordinating and paying medical and related health care expenses.</li> </ul>
<b>Dust Diseases Tribunal</b>	The Hon Justice Reginald Blanch <i>AM</i> President	Location: Level 12, 88 Goulburn Street Sydney  Mail: Locked Bag 16 Haymarket NSW 1240  Phone: 02 9377 5440	The Dust Diseases Tribunal (DDT was established in 1989 as a court that hears common law claims for damages from sufferers or dust related diseases including those linked to asbestos exposure. Dependants of deceased sufferers may also be able to pursue a claim after the death of the person with the disease (if the claim has not resolved before death).  Since claimants are often in the advanced stage of a terminal illnesses, the main aim of the tribunal is to act quickly and expedite the resolution of these claims.

<b>Housing Appeals Committee</b>	<p>Ms Yasmina Kovacevic Director (Acting)</p> <p>Ms Milana Gravorac Acting Registrar</p>	<p>Location: Office 5-6 Ground floor 1-17 Elsie St Burwood NSW 2134</p> <p>Postal Address: PO Box 1030 Burwood NSW 2134</p> <p>Phone: 1800629794 02 8741 2555</p> <p>Facsimile: 02 8741 2566 Email: hac@facs.nsw.gov.au Website: www.hac.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>The NSW Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) is an independent agency established in 1994. The role of the HAC is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide a mechanism for social housing applicants and tenants to lodge an external appeal where they believe an incorrect decision was made by a social housing provider at an internal appeal</li> <li>• undertake a merits review of each eligible appeal that is lodged—that is a review based on using the information before the committee at the time of the appeal, whether or not such material was before the primary decision-maker or existed at the time of the original decision</li> <li>• make recommendations to social housing providers that either the original decision be maintained, or the original decision be changed in full or in part provide advice on systemic issues to improve the consistency, efficiency and transparency of appealable access and eligibility decisions.</li> </ul> <p>The HAC has jurisdiction to hear any appeal lodged by a social housing applicant or tenant where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a decision has already been made at an internal appeal the decision relates to a matter that is not within the jurisdiction of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal or other review body</li> <li>• the decision is within the scope of the Social Housing External Appeal Policy which specifies which social housing providers’ decisions are subject to external appeal.</li> </ul>
<b>Industrial Relations Commission</b>	<p>Inaam Tabbaa AM Acting Chief Commissioner</p> <p>Melinda Morgan Industrial Registrar</p>	<p><b>Street Address</b> Level 1, 47 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000</p> <p><b>Postal Address</b> GPO Box 3670 Sydney NSW 2001</p> <p>Telephone: 02 9258 0866</p> <p>Facsimile: 02 9258 0058</p> <p>Email: nswirc@justice.nsw.gov.au</p>	<p>The Industrial Relations Commission conciliates and arbitrates to resolve industrial disputes, sets conditions of employment and fixes wages and salaries by making industrial awards, approves enterprise agreements and decides claims of unfair dismissal.</p> <p>The <i>Industrial Relations Amendment (Industrial Court) Act 2016</i> No 48 abolished the positions of President, Vice President and Deputy Presidents and provided, instead, for a Chief Commissioner. The effect was to transfer the work of the Industrial Court out of the jurisdiction.</p> <p>The Commission exercises a civil jurisdiction, and seeks to conduct its proceedings in a non-technical and expeditious manner.</p> <p>From 1 January 2010, a decision was made by the NSW government, that all employees currently covered by the NSW industrial relations system (other than state public sector or local government employees) would be transferred into the national scheme. This was, generally, those employees who were employed by sole traders or partnerships, employees of constitutional corporations having been covered under the national scheme since the Workchoices legislation was enacted in March 2006.</p> <p>The Commission retains jurisdiction in relation to the terms and conditions of employment of State government and Local government employees.</p>

<b>Land and Environment Court of NSW</b>	Justice Brian Preston SC Chief Judge  Mr Tim Moore Senior Commissioner  Ms Joanne Gray Registrar	Address:  Mail: GPO Box 3565 SYDNEY NSW 2001  Telephone: (02) 9113-8200  Fax:  Web: <a href="http://www.lec.lawlink.nsw.gov.au">www.lec.lawlink.nsw.gov.au</a>	The LEC is the first specialist environmental superior court in the world established on 1 September 1980.  The Court's jurisdiction includes merits review, judicial review, civil enforcement, criminal prosecution, criminal appeals and civil claims about planning, environmental, land, mining and other legislation as follows: Class 1 – environmental, planning and protection appeals: Class 2 – tree disputes and miscellaneous appeals: Class 3 – valuation, compensation and Aboriginal land claim cases Class 4 – civil enforcement, judicial review of decisions under planning or environmental laws Class 5 – criminal proceedings for offences against planning or environmental laws Class 6 and 7 – criminal appeals against convictions / sentences for environmental offences by the Local Court Class 8 – mining matters
<b>Mental Health Review Tribunal</b>	Professor Daniel Howard SC President  Mr Rodney Brabin Registrar	Address: PO Box 2019 BORONIA PARK NSW 2111  Tel: (02) 9816 5955 Fax: (02) 9817 4543 Toll Free: 1800 815 511 Web: <a href="http://www.mhrt.nsw.gov.au">www.mhrt.nsw.gov.au</a> Email: <a href="mailto:mhrt@mhrt.nsw.gov.au">mhrt@mhrt.nsw.gov.au</a>	The Mental Health Review Tribunal has some 47 heads of jurisdiction, considering the disposition and release of persons acquitted of crimes by reason of mental illness; determining matters concerning persons found unfit to be tried, and prisoners transferred to a mental health facility for treatment; reviewing the cases of detained patients (both civil and forensic), and long-term voluntary psychiatric patients; hearing appeals against an authorised medical officer's refusal to discharge a patient; making, varying and revoking community treatment orders; determining applications for certain treatments and surgery; and making orders for financial management where people are unable to manage their own financial affairs. The tribunal organizes its work in the following divisions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Foresniv Division</li> <li>2. Civil Division</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>
<b>Medical Assessment Service (MAS)</b>	Cameron Player Executive Director, Dispute Services Division State Regulatory Authority	Registry Level 19, 1 Oxford St Darlinghurst NSW 2010  Tel: 1300 137 131 Email: <a href="mailto:sira@maa.nsw.gov.au">sira@maa.nsw.gov.au</a>  Web: <a href="http://www.sira.nsw.gov.au">www.sira.nsw.gov.au</a>	The Medical Assessment Service determines medical disputes between people injured in motor accidents and the CTP insurer about the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• treatment — whether the treatment was reasonable and necessary or relates to an injury caused by the motor accident</li> <li>• permanent impairment — whether the degree of permanent impairment from injury caused by the motor accident is greater than 10 per cent</li> <li>• further medical assessment — whether another assessment is needed because of new information on injuries or a change in condition occurs</li> <li>• review of a medical assessment - whether a previous assessment was incorrect</li> </ul>

<b>Claims Assessment and Resolution Service (CARS)</b>	<p>Cameron Player Executive Director, Dispute Services Division State Regulatory Authority</p> <p>Belinda Cassidy Principal Claims Assessor</p>	<p>Registry Level 19, 1 Oxford St Darlinghurst NSW 2010</p> <p>Tel: 1300 137 131 Email: <a href="mailto:sira@maa.nsw.gov.au">sira@maa.nsw.gov.au</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.sira.nsw.gov.au">www.sira.nsw.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The Claims Assessment and Resolution Service (CARS) assesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• claims for compensation for people injured in motor accidents.</li> <li>• disputes that arise in connection with a motor accident claim between people injured in motor accidents and the third party insurer and</li> <li>• whether a claim is exempt from assessment allowing parties to proceed to Court.</li> </ul> <p>Parties cannot commence Court proceedings unless the claim has been assessed or exempted from assessment by CARS.</p>
<b>Merit Review Service (MRS)</b>	<p>Cameron Player Executive Director, Dispute Services Division State Regulatory Authority</p>	<p>Registry Level 19, 1 Oxford St Darlinghurst NSW 2010</p> <p>Tel: 13 10 50 Email: <a href="mailto:contact@sira.nsw.gov.au">contact@sira.nsw.gov.au</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.sira.nsw.gov.au">www.sira.nsw.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The Merit Review Service (MRS) determines disputes arising in workers compensation claims between insurers and workers about ‘work capacity decisions’ made by insurers.</p>
<b>NSW Architects Registration Board</b>	<p>Mr Richard Thorp AM  Mr Tim Horton Registrar</p>	<p>Level 2 156 Gloucester Street SYDNEY NSW 2000</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.architects.nsw.gov.au">www.architects.nsw.gov.au</a> Tel: (02) 9241 4033 Fax: (02) 9241 6144</p>	<p>The NSW Architects Registration Board administers the <i>Architects Act 2003</i>. The objects of the Act are to register qualified persons, ensure that architects provide services to the public in a professional and competent manner, provide mechanisms to discipline architects who are found to have acted unprofessionally or incompetently, ensure that the public is appropriately informed about the qualifications and competence of individuals or organisations holding themselves out as architects, promote a better understanding of architectural issues in the community. The Act includes specific sanctions against architects who are found guilty of professional misconduct or unsatisfactory professional conduct.</p>
<b>Workers Compensation Commission of NSW</b>	<p>Judge Greg Keating President</p> <p>Mr Rodney Parsons Registrar</p>	<p>The Registry Level 20, 1 Oxford Street DARLINGHURST NSW 2010</p> <p>Postal Address: PO Box 594, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.wcc.nsw.gov.au">www.wcc.nsw.gov.au</a> Email: <a href="mailto:registry@wcc.nsw.gov.au">registry@wcc.nsw.gov.au</a> Tel: 1300 368 040 Fax: 1300 368 018</p>	<p>The Workers Compensation Commission of NSW commenced operation on 1 January 2002. The establishment of the Commission was part of the NSW Government’s reforms of the workers compensation scheme in 2001.</p> <p>The Commission’s primary role is the resolution of disputes between injured workers and employers regarding claims for workers compensation benefits. It is at the forefront of alternate dispute resolution and utilises a blend of conciliation and arbitration to achieve sustainable outcomes acceptable to all parties. Conciliation conferences and arbitration hearings are mainly conducted by Arbitrators.</p>

**Note** the Australian Governments Productivity Commission's List of tribunals found in Appendix D page 829 of its April 2014 *Access to Justice Arrangements* report includes the following entities as tribunals which are not included in the register above:

- Industrial Court of New South Wales – while the Industrial Relations Commission and the Industrial Relations Court share the same registry when the Commission is in Court session it is a court of record with Supreme Court equivalent status and so for that reason has not been included on the register
- Transport Appeal Board – this entity was abolished in about August 2012. Transport workers who wish to challenge workplace sanctions now do so through Fair Work Australia or the Industrial Relations Commission.

## Northern Territory (NT) Tribunals

<p><b>Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Tribunal</b></p>	<p>Mr Tom Berkley QC President</p> <p>Cynthia Thomson Registrar</p>	<p>Location: Cascom 2B, Cascom Centre 17 Scaturchio Street Casuarina NT 0810</p> <p>Postal Address: PO Box 41860 Casuarina NT 0810</p> <p>Phone: 08 8922 6562</p> <p>Facsimile: 08 89226500</p>	<p>The Tribunal was established in 1 July 2013 following passage of the <i>Alcohol Mandatory Treatment Act</i>. If a drinker has been taken into custody three or more times in two months for being intoxicated in public they are referred to the new alcohol mandatory treatment system. They are clinically assessed and the tribunal decides on the best treatment options for that person including treatment for up to three months in a secure residential treatment facility, treatment in a community residential facility or other form of community management including income management.</p> <p>This tribunal is hosted by and therefore part of the Department of the Attorney General and Justice.</p>
<p><b>Civil and Administrative Tribunal of the Northern Territory (NTCAT)</b></p>	<p>Richard Bruxner President</p> <p>Jim Laouris Registrar</p>	<p>Location: Cascom 5, Cascom Centre 17 Scaturchio Street Casuarina NT 0810</p> <p>Post: PO Box 41860 Casuarina NT 0810</p> <p>Telephone: 1800 604 622</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:AGD.ntcat@nt.gov.au">AGD.ntcat@nt.gov.au</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.ntcat.gov.au">www.ntcat.gov.au</a></p>	<p>NTCAT commenced operations on 6 October 2014 under the <a href="#">Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act</a></p> <p>NTCAT is the new 'super tribunal' for the Northern Territory. It is designed to be a one stop shop for reviewing a wide range of administrative decisions and resolving certain civil disputes. In addition, NTCAT will have jurisdiction in areas relating to regulation of professions and protection of civil rights. The NTCAT Act requires NTCAT to promote the best principles of public administration, to resolve disputes through high quality processes and the use of mediation and alternative dispute resolution procedures wherever appropriate, to be accessible to all, especially people with special needs, to ensure efficient and cost-effective processes for all parties involved, to use straight forward language and procedures, to act with as little formality and technicality as possible and to be flexible in the way in which it conducts its business.</p> <p>NTCAT's jurisdiction will expand over time with new jurisdictions gradually phased into its business.</p> <p>Jurisdictional transfers to NTCAT passed by legislative assembly NT include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Poppy Regulation Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Births Deaths and Marriages Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Fences Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Victims of Crime Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Building Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Caravan Park Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Control of Roads Act</i></li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Energy Pipelines Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Geothermal Energy Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Health Practitioner Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Heritage Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Lands Acquisition Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Mineral Titles Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Pastoral Land Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Petroleum Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Planning Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Residential Tenancies Act</i></li> <li>• <i>Termination of Units Plans and Unit Titles Schemes Bill</i></li> <li>• <i>Licensing Bill</i></li> <li>• <i>Licensing (Repeals and Consequential Amendments) Bill</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Mental Health Review Tribunal</b> (to be incorporated into NTCAT – date not yet advised)</p>	<p>Mr Greg Cavanah Chairperson</p> <p>Ms Cynthia Thompson Registrar</p>	<p>Location: Level 3, Nicholls Place Cnr Bennett &amp; Cavenagh Streets DARWIN NT 0800</p> <p>Mail: GPO Box 1281 DARWIN NT 0801</p> <p>Phone: (08) 8999 5001</p> <p>Web : <a href="http://www.nt.gov.au/justice/courtsupp/landplantrib/">www.nt.gov.au/justice/courtsupp/landplantrib/</a></p>	<p>The MHR Tribunal is an independent statutory body that reviews decisions made by Northern Territory Mental Health Services in relation to persons suffering defined mental disorders. Particularly the Tribunal makes decisions regarding the care and treatment of such persons and decides whether treatment should be on an involuntary basis and whether it should occur in the community or in a facility.</p>

## Queensland (QLD) Tribunals

<b>Medical Assessment Tribunals</b>	Ms Flavia Gobbo Chairperson Q-Comp Board	347 Ann Stret Brisbane City Queensland  Post: PO Box 10119 Brisbane QLD 4000  Phone: 1300 738 197  Email: mat@qcomp.com.au	<p>The Workers' Compensation Regulator (formerly Q-Comp) oversees the Queensland workers' compensation scheme. Workers or employers unhappy with an Insurer's decision can apply for a review by the WCR. Appeals of the WCR decisions may be made to the Industrial Relations Commission in respect of claims and employers can appeal to the Industrial Magistrates Court in respect of a premium/policy decision.</p> <p>WCR also provides dispute resolution services. Medical Assessment Tribunals are set up to provide independent, expert medical decisions about injury and impairment sustained by Queensland workers. The tribunals are made up from an independent panel of specialist doctors. A referral to the medical assessment tribunals may be required if there are conflicting medical opinions in relation to whether employment has been a significant contributing factor to the injury or whether there is an ongoing incapacity for work as a result of a work injury. Only insurers can make a referral.</p>
<b>Mental Health Review Tribunal</b>	Mr Barry Thomas President	P O Box 15818 City East Brisbane QLD 4002  Tel: (07) 3235-9059 Fax: (07) 3234-1540 Email: enquiry@mhrt.qld.gov.au Web: www.mhrt.qld.gov.au	<p>The MHRT is an independent statutory body established under the <i>Mental Health Act 2000</i> whose primary purpose is to review the involuntary status of persons with mental illnesses. The Tribunal consists of the President and other members, including lawyers, psychiatrists and other persons with relevant qualifications and/or experience.</p> <p>The Tribunal automatically reviews Involuntary Treatment Orders (ITO), Forensic Orders (FO) and Fitness for Trial (not permanent) (FFT), and young persons with mental illness who are detained in high security for treatment. The Tribunal also hears applications for involuntary patients to move out of Queensland, and applications to appeal against a decision made at the mental health service not to allow a person to visit a patient. In addition, if a person is not able to consent to treatment and needs electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), the psychiatrist must apply to the Tribunal for approval to give ECT.</p>



<p><b>Office of the Commissioner for Body Corporate &amp; Community Management</b></p>	<p>Mr Chris Irons Commissioner</p>	<p>Address: Level 4, Brisbane Magistrate’s Court 363 George Street Brisbane QLD 4000</p> <p>Mail: GPO Box 1049 Brisbane QLD 4001</p> <p>Tel: 1800 060 119</p> <p>Fax: (07) 3227-8023</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:BCCM@justice.qld.gov.au">BCCM@justice.qld.gov.au</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/bccm">www.justice.qld.gov.au/bccm</a></p>	<p>The role of the Commissioner's Office is to assist people who live, work or invest in community titles schemes in accordance with the powers conferred on it by the <i>Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997</i>.</p> <p>The Commissioner's Office provides a dispute resolution service and an information service for people involved with community titles schemes. The dispute resolution service resolves disputes through conciliation or adjudication. The information service responds to community enquiries about the legislation, promotes our services and conducts information seminars to assist our clients to understand their rights and obligations under the BCCM Act.</p> <p>Dispute resolution methods employed include self-resolution, conciliation or adjudication.</p> <p>‘Complex’ disputes must be dealt with by QCAT.</p>
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<p><b>Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT)</b></p>	<p>The Hon Justice David Thomas President</p> <p>Ms Louise Logan Principal Registrar</p> <p>Ms Mary Shortland Executive Director</p>	<p>Address: Level 9 BOQ Centre 259 Queen Street Brisbane QLD 4000</p> <p>Mail: GPO Box 1639 BRISBANE QLD 4001</p> <p>Phone: 1300 753 228</p> <p>Fax: (07) 3221 9156</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@qcat.qld.gov.au">enquiries@qcat.qld.gov.au</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.qcat.qld.gov.au">www.qcat.qld.gov.au</a></p>	<p>QCAT began operation on 1 December 2009 replacing 18 tribunals and jurisdiction under 23 pieces of legislation.</p> <p>QCAT makes original decisions for a range of matters including:</p> <p>Human Right list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• anti-discrimination matters</li> <li>• children</li> <li>• guardianship and administration matters for adults</li> </ul> <p>Civil Disputes list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• building disputes</li> <li>• residential and retail tenancy disputes</li> <li>• debt disputes, for example money lent and not repaid</li> <li>• consumer and trader disputes</li> <li>• minor civil disputes including motor vehicle property damage</li> <li>• neighborhood disputes including dividing fence and tree disputes</li> </ul> <p>Administrative and disciplinary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• occupational and business regulation matters</li> <li>• occupational regulation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Returned and Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Tribunal</b></p>	<p>Mr Greg Fitzgerald Chairman</p> <p>Mr Graham Lucas Registrar</p>	<p>283 St Pauls Terrace Fortitude Valley QLD 4006</p> <p>PO Box 629 Spring Hill QLD 4004 Phone: 07 3634 9444 Web: <a href="http://rslqld.org">rslqld.org</a></p>	<p>Returned &amp; Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) operates under a number of rules and by-laws which assist in providing fairness, equity and consistency in the conduct of its operations. RSL (Queensland Branch) may need to resolve disputes between or impose discipline on a member.</p> <p>The majority of disputes will be informally resolved at the Sub Branch level. Where this is not achieved, consideration should be given by the parties to mediation. If mediation is unsuccessful a dispute may be referred to the State Branch Tribunal.</p> <p>The Tribunal Registrar will usually hear:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (a) complaints outside the jurisdiction of Sub-Branch Committees;</li> <li>• (b) complaints involving Sub-Branch Committee Members, and</li> <li>• (c) appeals from Sub-Branch disciplinary decisions.</li> </ul> <p>The Tribunal may also deal with other grievances referred to it by the Registrar or the Board including complaints against RSL (Queensland Branch) Members.</p> <p>RSL (Queensland Branch) members may have a limited right of appeal to the National Tribunal under the National Constitution of the Returned &amp; Services League of Australia Limited.</p>

## South Australian (SA) Tribunals

<b>Environment Resources and Development Court</b>	<p>Her Honour Judge Susanne Cole</p> <p>Senior Judge</p> <p>Mr Mark Stokes Registrar</p>	<p>GPO Box 2465 ADELAIDE SA 5001</p> <p>Tel: (08) 82040289 Fax: (08) 8124 9898</p> <p>Email: erdcourt@courts.sa.gov.au Web: www.courts.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>The ERD Court was established by the <i>Environment, Resources and Development Court Act</i> in 1993. It has jurisdiction under at least 18 pieces of legislation dealing with issues of development, heritage, the environment, water resources, irrigation, mining and native title.</p> <p>Many of the people who appear in the court are self represented. The court is committed to making sure that as many people as possible can access its services. In 2002 a report was commissioned into how the court could better assist self represented people in particular.</p> <p>The Court is a specialist court. Its Commissioners are not lawyers. They are appointed for their specialist qualifications and expertise in areas relevant to the court's jurisdiction. For example, the four permanent Commissioners are all qualified town planners and amongst the part-time Commissioners are town planners, architects, engineers, irrigation, water resources and native vegetation experts.</p>
<b>Equal Opportunity Commission</b>	<p>Anne Burgess</p> <p>Commissioner for Equal Opportunity (Acting)</p>	<p>Level 17, 45 Pirie Street Adelaide SA 5000</p> <p>Postal address GPO Box 464 Adelaide SA 5001</p> <p>Tel: (08) 8207 1977</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:eoc@agd.sa.gov.au">eoc@agd.sa.gov.au</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.eoc.sa.gov.au">www.eoc.sa.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The Equal Opportunity Commission provides three main services in South Australia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Assessing and resolving complaints</li> </ul> <p>Our complaint handlers assist people to reach an agreement if a complaint of discrimination or harassment is made. We do not act as advocates. Our aim is to bring people together to try to resolve the complaint. If a complaint cannot be resolved, it may be referred to the Equal Opportunity Tribunal.</p>

<b>Equal Opportunity Tribunal</b>	Judge of the District Court	Phone: (08) 8204 0289  Facsimile: (08) 8204 0544  Email: <a href="mailto:district.civil@courts.sa.gov.au">district.civil@courts.sa.gov.au</a>  Postal Address: c/- Tribunal Clerk PO Box 2465 Adelaide, South Australia, 5001	<p>The Equal Opportunity Tribunal hears and makes decisions about complaints arising from discrimination and harassment that are unlawful under the South Australian Equal Opportunity Act 1984 ("the Act"). These complaints are referred to the tribunal by the Equal Opportunity Commission.</p> <p>The tribunal panel consists of a District Court Judge and two members from the community, who are appointed as Tribunal Members for their knowledge/expertise in certain areas covered by the Act.</p>
<b>South Australian Health Practitioners Tribunal</b>	Magistrate M Ardlie President	Level 6, Riverside Centre North Terrace Adelaide SA 5000 PO Box 3636 Rundle Mall ADELAIDE SA 5000  Tel: (08) 8207 0999 Fax: (08) 8115 1380  Email: <a href="mailto:healthpractitionertribunal@sa.gov.au">healthpractitionertribunal@sa.gov.au</a> Web: <a href="http://www.healthpractitionertribunal.sa.gov.au">www.healthpractitionertribunal.sa.gov.au</a>	<p>The South Australian Health Practitioners Tribunal was established under the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia) Act 2010</i> as the independent tribunal within the national scheme.</p> <p>It commenced on 1 July 2010 by that law and hears and determines cases about the registration and disciplining of health practitioners under the national law. The Health Tribunal operates alongside and shares a common registry with the South Australian Industrial Court.</p>
<b>Independent Gambling Authority</b>	Mr Alan Moss Presiding Member  Mr Robert Chappell Director	Level 4 45 Grenfell Street ADELAIDE SA 5000 PO Box 67 RUNDLE MALL SA 5000  Tel: (08) 8226 7233 Fax: (08) 8226 7247  Email: <a href="mailto:iga@iga.sa.gov.au">iga@iga.sa.gov.au</a> Web: <a href="http://www.iga.sa.gov.au">www.iga.sa.gov.au</a>	<p>The Independent Gambling Authority is the regulator for commercial forms of gambling including casino gambling, gaming machines in hotels and clubs, wagering on races and sports and commercial lotteries.</p> <p>The Authority is also responsible for mandatory advertising and responsible gambling codes of practice.</p> <p>The Authority also administers a voluntary barring scheme in relation to gaming machines and is the responsible body for the problem gambling family protection orders scheme which commenced in July 2004. A person who is affected by a family member's gambling problem can make a complaint to the Authority and the Authority has power to investigate and make orders to address that person's gambling behaviour.</p>

<b>Industrial Relations Commission</b>	<p>His Honour Judge P D Hannon President</p> <p>Mr John Correll Registrar</p>	<p>PO Box 8046 Station Arcade ADELAIDE SA 5000</p> <p>Tel: (08) 8207-0999 Fax: (08) 8207-0995</p> <p>Email: industrialtribunals@sa.gov.au Web: www.industrialcourt.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>The Industrial Relations Court and Commission of South Australia are constituted under the <i>Fair Work Act 1994</i>. They establish enforceable conditions of employment and provide for the prevention and resolution of disputes between employers and employees.</p> <p>The Industrial Relations Commission has two principal spheres of activity and jurisdiction:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It establishes and maintains the safety net of award wages and conditions of employment and determines unfair dismissal applications.</li> <li>2. The Enterprise Agreement jurisdiction focuses on the development and approval of enterprise agreements made between employers and employees. The <i>Training and Skills Development Act 2008</i> provides that all grievances around trainees and apprentices are also undertaken by the Commission.</li> </ol> <p>The methods of dispute resolution employed by the IRC includes conciliation and informal hearing as well as formal hearings.</p>
<b>Pastoral Lands Appeal Tribunal</b>	<p>Judge of the District Court</p>	<p>Registry located in the District Court</p>	<p>The <i>Pastoral Land Management and Conservation Act</i> provides for the management and conservation of pastoral land. It establishes the tribunal to hear and determine disputes about pastoral leases including variations to conditions of the lease or a Board's decision not to extend such a lease or cancel it.</p> <p>The tribunal consists of a judge and two experts and a conference must be held before a hearing can occur.</p>
<b>Police Disciplinary Tribunal</b>  <b>Protective Security Officers Disciplinary Tribunal</b>	<p>Magistrate</p>	<p>Registry located in the Magistrates Court</p>	<p>Established under the <i>Police (Complaints and Disciplinary Proceedings) Act</i> each of these tribunals is constituted by a Magistrate</p> <p>If the Commission of Police charges a police officer or protective security officer with a breach of discipline and the officer does not admit guilt, the proceedings are heard and determined by the tribunal.</p> <p>Summonses are issued, rules of evidence are applied and the practice and procedure of the court is the same as those proscribed for simple criminal offences.</p>

<p><b>South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (SACAT)</b></p>	<p>Justice Greg Parker President</p> <p>Judge Susanne Cole Deputy President</p> <p>Ms Clare Byrt Registrar</p> <p>Executive Senior Member Mark Stevens – Head of the Administrative &amp; Disciplinary Stream</p> <p>Executive Senior Member Barbara Johns – Head of the Housing &amp; Civil Stream</p> <p>Executive Senior Member Jacqui Rugless – Head of the Community Stream</p>	<p>GPO Box 2361 Adelaide SA 5001</p> <p>Tel: 1800 723 767</p> <p>Fax: (08) 8226 8985</p> <p>Web: www.sacat.sa.gov.au</p>	<p>SACAT was established under the <i>South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 2013</i> ('the Act') and opened to the public on 30 March 2015. The objects and ethos of SACAT are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the best principles of public administration including independence in decision making, natural justice and procedural fairness, high quality and consistent decisions, and transparency and accountability</li> <li>• accessibility</li> <li>• fast processing and resolution of disputes – including through the use of alternative dispute resolution procedures wherever appropriate</li> <li>• keeping costs to a minimum</li> <li>• using straightforward language</li> <li>• flexibility</li> <li>• consultation with stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p>The Tribunal consists of the President, a Supreme Court judge, the Deputy President, a District Court judge and other members, including legal practitioners, psychiatrists and other persons with relevant qualifications and/or experience.</p> <p>SACAT exercises both original and review jurisdiction. The diverse jurisdiction of SACAT is managed across three Streams: Housing &amp; Civil, Administrative &amp; Disciplinary and Community Streams.</p> <p>SACAT's Housing &amp; Civil Stream hears and resolves a wide range of tenancy disputes relating to residential tenancies, residential parks and retirement villages. It is the busiest of SACAT's three Streams and accounts for approximately 70% of all applications received by the Tribunal.</p> <p>The Community Stream hears applications under the <i>Guardianship and Administration Act</i>, the <i>Advance Care Directives Act</i>, the <i>Consent to Medical Treatment and Palliative Care Act</i> and the <i>Mental Health Act</i>. The proceedings in this Stream are not adversarial in nature but are rather in the nature of an inquiry into the circumstances of a person suffering from either a mental incapacity, a mental illness or impaired decision-making capacity.</p> <p>The Administrative &amp; Disciplinary Stream, at present, hears applications for the review of decisions made under the <i>Freedom of Information Act</i>, <i>South Australian Housing Trust Act</i>, <i>Community Housing Providers (National Law) (South Australia) Act</i>, <i>Valuation of Land Act</i>, <i>Local Government Act</i>, <i>Real Property Act</i>, <i>Lobbyists Act</i>, <i>First Home and Housing Construction Grants Act</i> and <i>the Controlled Substances Act</i>. The Tribunal's Internal Review jurisdiction, where SACAT reviews decisions made in its original jurisdiction, is currently also managed by the Administrative &amp; Disciplinary Stream. Further jurisdictions are due to commence in this Stream in the near future. These include the <i>Firearms Act</i>, <i>the Housing Improvement Act</i>, <i>the Children and Young People (Safety) Act</i> and <i>the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act</i>.</p>
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<b>WorkCover Premium Review Panel</b>	Mr Gary Mason President  Ms Fran Michelizzi Registrar	GPO Box 2668 ADELAIDE SA 5001  Tel: (08) 8233 2242 Fax: (08) 8233 2931  Email: premiumreview@workcover.com	The Panel hears and determines disputes from Employers on premium related matters such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the correctness of classification of an employer to a particular class of industry</li> <li>• the assessing (or fixing) of a premium</li> <li>• the imposition of penalty interest or a fine</li> <li>• the granting of a remission of premium or imposition of a supplementary premium</li> <li>• the imposition or variation of a condition that may lead to the imposition of a supplementary premium</li> <li>• the estimate of remuneration that is to be used for the calculation of premium.</li> </ul> The Panel comprises the President, a member representing the interests of employers, a member representing the interests of injured workers and a workcover staff member.
<b>Workers Compensation Tribunal</b>	Judge William Jennings President  Mr John Correll Registrar (08) 8207 0952	PO Box 8046 Station Arcade ADELAIDE SA 5000  Tel: (08) 8207-0999 Fax: (08) 8207-0995  Email: industrialtribunals@sa.gov.au Web: www.industrialcourt.sa.gov.au	The Workers Compensation Tribunal deals with disputes about claims for workers compensation under the <i>Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986</i> . The Tribunal was established under the <i>Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1986</i> .  Administratively, the WCT is part of the South Australian Industrial Relations Tribunals and details of it can be found in the IRT website and annual reports.

**Note** the Australian Governments Productivity Commission’s List of tribunals found in Appendix D page 829 of its April 2014 *Access to Justice Arrangements* report includes the following entities as tribunals which are not included in the Register above:

- Administrative and Disciplinary Division of the District Court. The Court’s rules and procedures do not appear to differ according to the nature of the various divisions and for that reason, the Court (and this division) has not been included in the Register.
- Dust Diseases list matters – these would appear to be District Court proceedings heard by Industrial Court judges because they hold commissions as District Court judges and have experience dealing with WCT matters. There is no information to suggest that the matters are heard differently to Court matters and so these matters are not included in the Register.
- Industrial Relations Court - shares the same registry as the IRC but undertakes its business as a court and so for that reason has not been included on the Register
- Licensing Court – administratively the Licensing Court is part of the South Australian Industrial Relations Tribunal, but the work it does and the way it does it is not distinguished from the way in which a Court would approach matters and so for that reason has not been included
- Skills and Training Commission – There is a Training and Skills Commission in SA which is responsible for advising government on workforce planning and the skills required. It provides quality assurance of vocational education and training and regulates the apprenticeship and traineeship system. As I could not locate any information on this website about disputes and dispute resolution I have not included it in the Register.
- Wardens Court – has jurisdiction to determine disputes about mining tenements but does so in a manner no different from a Court and so has not been included on the Register.

## Tasmanian (TAS) Tribunals

<b>Anti-Discrimination Tribunal</b>	<p>Magistrate Glenn Hay Chairperson</p> <p>David Bower Registrar</p>	<p>Address: 23-25 Liverpool Street Hobart TAS 7000</p> <p>Tel: (03) 6165 7151</p> <p>Fax: (03) 6233 5068</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:ADT@justice.tas.gov.au">ADT@justice.tas.gov.au</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.magistratescourt.tas.gov.au/divisions/Anti-Discrimination_Tribunal">www.magistratescourt.tas.gov.au/divisions/Anti-Discrimination_Tribunal</a></p>	<p>The Anti-Discrimination Tribunal is established by the Tasmanian <i>Anti-Discrimination Act 1998</i> and its main purpose is to conduct Inquiries concerning complaints about conduct prohibited by the Act. The Anti discrimination commission receives complaints and may resolve the matter by conciliation. If the matter does not resolve the complaint is referred to the Tribunal. It can hear complaints of discrimination on any of the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• race</li> <li>• age</li> <li>• sexual orientation</li> <li>• lawful sexual activity</li> <li>• gender</li> <li>• marital or relationship status</li> <li>• pregnancy and breastfeeding</li> <li>• parental status and family responsibilities</li> <li>• disability</li> <li>• industrial activity</li> <li>• political belief or affiliation and political activity</li> <li>• religious belief or affiliation and religious activity</li> <li>• irrelevant criminal record</li> <li>• irrelevant medical record</li> <li>• association with a person who has, or is believed to have, any of these attributes.</li> </ul>
<b>Asbestos Compensation Tribunal</b>	<p>Magistrate Stephen Carey Chief Commissioner</p>	<p>Level 7, NAB House 86 Collins Street Hobart TAS 7000</p> <p>GPO Box 1311 Hobart TAS 7001</p> <p>Phone: 03 6233 4697</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:Asbestotribuanl@justice.tas.gov.au">Asbestotribuanl@justice.tas.gov.au</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.asbestotribunal.tas.gov.au">www.asbestotribunal.tas.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The Asbestos Compensation Tribunal deals with disputes about claims for employment caused asbestos diseases.</p> <p>A party to proceedings before the ACT may appeal to the Supreme Court on a question of law.</p> <p>Funding for the tribunal comes from WorkSafe and the work of the Tribunal is administered by the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Tribunal</p>



<b>Forest Practices Tribunal</b>	Mr Keiran Pitt QC Chief Chairman	GPO Box 2036 Hobart 7001 Phone (03) 6233 6464 Fax (03) 6224 0825 Email: <a href="mailto:rmpat@justice.tas.gov.au">rmpat@justice.tas.gov.au</a>	<p>The Forest Practices Tribunal is an independent body established under s 34 of the Forest Practices Act 1985.</p> <p>The Tribunal's role is to conduct hearings and make determinations with respect to appeals that are lodged by aggrieved parties. Appeals may be lodged against decisions of the Forest Practices Authority with respect to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an applicant for a Private Timber Reserve may appeal against the refusal of the private timber reserve</li> <li>• a prescribed person may appeal against the granting of a private timber reserve</li> <li>• an applicant for a forest practices plan may appeal against the refusal, amendment or variation of a plan</li> <li>• a person who is served a notice under s.41 of the Act may appeal against the notice</li> <li>• a person who has lodged a three-year plan may appeal against the variation or refusal of the three-year plan.</li> </ul>
<b>Guardianship and Administration Board</b>	Ms Anita Smith President  Ms Jane Bliss Registrar	Address: First Floor 54 Victoria Street Hobart  Mail: GPO Box 1307 HOBART TAS 7001  Tel: (03) 6165 7500 Fax: (03) 6233 4509 Email <a href="mailto:Guardianship@justice.tas.gov.au">Guardianship@justice.tas.gov.au</a> au Web: <a href="http://www.guardianship.tas.gov.au">www.guardianship.tas.gov.au</a>	<p>The Guardianship and Administration Board is a specialist tribunal that can make decisions for the benefit of persons who have a disability and are unable to make reasonable judgments about lifestyle and financial matters.</p> <p>The functions of the Board are extensive and include powers in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guardianship</li> <li>• Enduring guardianship</li> <li>• Administration</li> <li>• Enduring powers of attorney</li> <li>• Emergency situations</li> <li>• Consent to medical or dental treatment</li> <li>• Statutory Wills</li> </ul>

<b>Health Practitioners Tribunal</b>	Magistrate Stephen Carey Chairperson	Level 7, NAB House 86 Collins Street Hobart  Mail: GPO Box 1311 Hobart Tas 7001  Phone: 03 6166 4750  Email: <a href="mailto:hpt@justice.tax.gov.au">hpt@justice.tax.gov.au</a>	<p>By the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Tasmania) Act 2010</i>, Tasmania became part of a National scheme providing for the regulation of prescribed health professionals. The Health Practitioners Tribunal hears and determines complaints and registration matters involving Tasmanian Health Practitioners.</p> <p>A party to proceedings before the HPT may appeal to the Supreme Court on a question of law.</p> <p>The HPT is administered and fostered by the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Tribunal.</p>
<b>Mental Health Tribunal</b>	Ms Yvonne Chaperon President  Vanessa Fenton Registrar	Level 4, 144 Macquarie Street HOBART TAS 7000  GPO Box 1307 HOBART TAS 7001  Tel: (03) 6233-3033  Fax: (03) 6233-4509  Web: <a href="http://www.mentalhealthtribunal.tas.gov.au">www.mentalhealthtribunal.tas.gov.au</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:mht@justice.tas.gov.au">mht@justice.tas.gov.au</a>	<p>The Tribunal is an independent body established under the <i>Mental Health Act 1996</i> to protect the rights of people placed on involuntary orders for mental illness. It provides an independent review, and makes decisions about whether the involuntary order will continue or not.</p> <p>The Tribunal plays no role in relation to persons who voluntarily seek treatment for a mental illness.</p> <p>From 17 February 2014, the functions of the Tasmanian Forensic Tribunal will be carried out by the Mental Health Tribunal.</p>
<b>Mining Tribunal</b>	Magistrate C Webster	23-25 Liverpool Street Hobart Tasmania	<p>The Mining Division of the Magistrates Court is known as the Mining Tribunal under the <i>Mineral Resources Development Act 1995</i>. The Director of Mines must attempt to resolve disputes before there is a formal hearing before the tribunal.</p>

<b>Motor Accidents Compensation Tribunal</b>	Magistrate Stephen Carey Chairperson	Level 7, NAB House, 86 Collins Street, Hobart  Mail: GPO Box 1311, Hobart, Tas, 7001  Phone: (03) 6166 4750.	<p>The role of the Motor Accidents Compensation Tribunal is to resolve or determine disputes about benefits payable under the Motor Accident Compensation Scheme. The Motor Accidents Insurance Board is the monopoly government owned third party insurer and a person injured in a motor accident may seek benefits payable under the Act.</p> <p>A party aggrieved by a decision of the Tribunal may appeal to the Supreme Court.</p> <p>The MACT is administered and fostered by the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Tribunal.</p>
<b>Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal</b>	Magistrate Gregory Geason Presiding Member	Level 1 144-148 Macquarie Street HOBART TAS 7001  Tel: (03) 6165 6794  Fax: (03) 6224-0825  Email: <a href="mailto:rmpart@justice.tas.gov.au">rmpart@justice.tas.gov.au</a>  Web: <a href="http://www.rmpat.tas.gov.au">www.rmpat.tas.gov.au</a>	<p>The Tribunal hears appeals from Government and other decisions under seventeen Tasmanian Acts, primarily town planning decisions made by local councils. The Tribunal also has jurisdiction to review administrative decisions made by government in relation to fisheries matters and threatened species and it has enforcement proceedings in relation to planning, environmental management and pollution.</p> <p>The Registry of the RMPAT is also the Registry of the Forest Practices Tribunal.</p> <p>RMPAT has, since November 2012, exercised the jurisdiction of the Building Appeals Board.</p>
<b>Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Tribunal</b>	Mr Stephen Carey Magistrate  Tanya Gorringe Registrar	GPO Box 1311 HOBART TAS 7001  Tel: (03) 6233-4926 Fax: (03) 6234-3304 Web: www.workerscomp.tas.gov.au	<p>The Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Tribunal is created under the <a href="#">Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988</a>, with primary responsibility to determine all disputes relating to workers compensation in Tasmania.</p> <p>The functions of the Tribunal are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To determine all claims for compensation referred to it under the Act.</li> <li>• To determine such other matters as are referred to it under the Act.</li> <li>• To exercise the powers conferred and the duties imposed on it in the Act.</li> <li>• To hear and determine any appeal referred to it under the Workers (Occupational Diseases) Relief Fund Act 1954.</li> </ul>

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- Administrative Appeals Division Magistrates Court of Tasmania. The Magistrates Court has a number of divisions one of which is the Administrative Appeals Division which has jurisdiction given to it under 50 separate Act and regulations . The Court’s rules and procedures do not appear to differ according to the nature of the various divisions and for that reason, the Court (and this division) has not been included in the register.

## Victorian Tribunals

<p><b>Accident Compensation Conciliation Service</b></p>	<p>Mr Patrick Holt Senior Conciliation Officer</p>	<p>Address Level 9 460 Lonsdale Street Melbourne VIC 3000</p> <p>GPO Box 251 MELBOURNE VIC 3001</p> <p>Tel: (03) 9940 1083 Fax: (03) 9940 1144</p> <p>Email: info@conciliation.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Web: www.conciliation.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>The ACCS is an independent body corporate established under the <i>Accident Compensation Act 1985</i> (Vic) and provides conciliation services to resolve disputes in relation to workers compensation in Victoria and, in most disputes, is a compulsory step before proceedings can be issued in court.</p> <p>The presiding member of the ACCS is the Senior Conciliation Officer. The work of the ACCS is conducted by Conciliation Officers who are appointed by the Governor in Council and engaged by the ACCS.</p> <p>Conciliation Officers' statutory obligation is to make all reasonable efforts to conciliate in connection with a dispute and to bring the parties to agreement. However, where a matter cannot be resolved by agreement, Conciliation Officers have the power to make recommendations or directions, refer medical questions to a Medical Panel or issue a certificate allowing the parties to proceed to court.</p> <p>About two-thirds of disputes resolve without the need for a conference. However, in the majority of matters, a conference is convened between the parties and their representatives where the Conciliation Officer uses alternative dispute resolution methods (but in a conciliation model rather than a pure mediation model) to attempt to resolve the dispute.</p>
<p><b>Forensic Leave Panel</b></p>	<p>Justice Katherine Williams President</p>	<p>Location Level 17 50 Lonsdale Street Melbourne Victorian 3000</p> <p>Mail GPO Box 4057 Melbourne Victoria 3001</p> <p>Phone 03 9096 2673</p> <p>Web www.health.vic.gov.au /mental health/forensic</p>	<p>The Forensic Leave Panel is established under the Crimes (Mental Impairment and Unfitness to be Tried) Act 1997. The Act came into effect on 18 April 1998 and governs the detention, management and release of persons found unfit to be tried or not guilty on the grounds of mental impairment.</p> <p>The Forensic Leave Panel is an independent statutory body with jurisdiction to consider applications for certain types of leave for forensic patients and forensic residents. The panel first held hearings in June 1998 and since that time has continued to hear applications for leave on a monthly basis. The panel has continued to develop upon the solid foundations established since its inception.</p>

<p><b>Medical Panels Victoria</b></p>	<p>Ms Rachel Gualano General Manager</p>	<p>Address: Level 18, 460 Lonsdale Street Melbourne VIC 3000</p> <p>Mail: GPO Box 2709 Melbourne VIC 3000</p> <p>Phone: (03) 8256 1555 Toll Free: 1800 061 715 Fax: (03) 8256 1550</p> <p>Email: info@medicalpanels.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Web: www.medicalpanels.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>Medical Panels are established under the Workers Compensation legislation and the Wrongs Act 1958. Where there is a disagreement or uncertainty about aspects of an injury or medical condition, a Medical Panel may be convened to answer referred questions and provide an opinion on the medical issue/s in dispute. Medical Panels provides speedy and cost effective resolutions of disputes in relation to workers' compensation claims and also Wrongs Act impairment threshold determinations.</p> <p>A Conciliation Officer, a Court, a Respondent, a WorkSafe Agent or a self-insured employer may refer medical questions to a Medical Panel. The types of Workers Compensation questions that can be referred include Impairment Benefit claims, Liability Impairment claims, changes to weekly compensation, medical and like services and personal and household services.</p> <p>Each Medical Panel has the status of a tribunal and its Opinions and Determinations on a medical question must be accepted as final and binding.</p> <p>If a claimant wishes to appeal the decision of the Panel due to a perceived error in application of the legislation, they must make an application to the Supreme Court to have an opinion quashed/reversed.</p>
<p><b>Mental Health Tribunal</b></p>	<p>Mr Matthew Carroll President</p> <p>Ms Marketa Silhar Executive officer</p>	<p>Address: Level 30, Marland House 570 Bourke Street Melbourne Vic 3000</p> <p>Phone: (03) 9032 3200 Facsimile: (03) 9032 3223</p> <p>Email: mht@mht.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Web: www.mhrb.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>The Mental Health Tribunal (MHT) is an independent statutory Tribunal established under the <i>Mental Health Act 2014</i> (the Act) to provide independent oversight of persons treated under the Act and to minimise restrictions on people's rights and dignity. A primary function of the Tribunal is to determine whether the criteria for compulsory mental health treatment as set out in the Act apply to a person. The Tribunal makes a Treatment Order for a person if all the criteria in the legislation apply to that person. Another of the MHT's key functions is to determine whether electroconvulsive treatment (ECT) can be performed on an adult patient if they are considered not to have capacity to give informed consent to ECT or on any person under the age of 18 years.</p> <p>The MHT also determines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a range of matters relating to security patients;</li> <li>• transfers of treatment to other mental health services; and</li> <li>• applications to perform neurosurgery for mental illness.</li> </ul> <p>The Tribunal has three types of members: legal, community, psychiatrist and registered medical practitioner members.</p> <p>If a person is dissatisfied with a decision from the MHT, an application to review that decision may be made to VCAT.</p>

<b>Police Registration and Services Board</b>	<p>Andrea Lester President</p> <p>Graeme Knights Secretary</p> <p>Chris Deftereps General Manager</p>	<p>Level 6 155 Queen Street Melbourne Vic 3000</p> <p><a href="http://www.prsb.vic.gov.au">www.prsb.vic.gov.au</a></p> <p>03 9600 4288</p>	<p>The Police Registration and Services Board hears promotional appeals and review of discipline matters involving sworn members of Victoria Police and the registration of former members of Victoria Police who wish to rejoin the police force.</p>
<b>Suitability Panel</b>	<p>Mr Peter Harris Chairperson</p> <p>Ms Julie Paxton, Executive Officer</p>	<p>Level 31, 570 Bourke Street Melbourne Vic 3000</p> <p>Phone: (03) 8608 5735</p> <p>Fax: 03 8608 5755</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:sp@suitabilitypanel.vic.gov.au">sp@suitabilitypanel.vic.gov.au</a></p> <p>Web: <a href="http://suitabilitypanel.vic.gov.au">suitabilitypanel.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The Suitability Panel was created by the <i>Children, Youth and Families Act 2005</i>. The Panel comprises a legal practitioner (chair) and other members with relevant qualifications.</p> <p>A suitability Panel can assess whether an allegation of physical or sexual abuse against a child (by an out-of-home-carer) is proved and whether as a result an individual is found to pose an unacceptable risk of harm to children and is therefore disqualified from being registered to care for children.</p> <p>If a person is dissatisfied with a decision from the Suitability Panel, an application to review that decision may be made to VCAT.</p>
<b>Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria</b>	<p>Dr Peter Mansell President</p> <p>Ms Louisa King Executive Officer Registrar</p>	<p>Address: Level 11 470 Collins Street Melbourne VIC 3000</p> <p>Tel: 03 9620 7444 Fax: 03 9620 7044</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:RegistrarEO@vetboard.vic.gov.au">RegistrarEO@vetboard.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The Board is established under the <i>Veterinary Practice Act 1997</i> to protect the public by ensuring access to veterinary services of an appropriate standard, delivered by veterinary practitioners acting in accordance with appropriate standards of professional conduct. The main functions of the Board are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To register persons who comply with the requirements for registrations as a veterinary practitioner or veterinary specialist;</li> <li>• To recognize qualifications and accredit courses of training which provide for registration as veterinary practitioners and veterinary specialists;</li> <li>• To conduct, or arrange for the conduct of examinations to establish competency in veterinary practice;</li> <li>• To investigate professional conduct or fitness to practise of registered veterinary practitioners and to impose sanctions where necessary;</li> <li>• To issue guidelines about appropriate standards of veterinary practice and veterinary facilities.</li> </ul> <p>If a person is dissatisfied with a decision from the MHRB, an application to review that decision may be made to VCAT.</p>

<p><b>Victims of Crime Assistance Tribunal</b></p>	<p>Chief Magistrate Peter Lauritsen Chairperson</p> <p>Ms Jan Dundon Principal Registrar</p>	<p>GPO Box 882G MELBOURNE VIC 3001</p> <p>Tel: (03) 9628 7855 1800 882 752 Fax: (03) 9628 7853</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.vocat.vic.gov.au">www.vocat.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<p>We help victims of violent crime recover from their ordeals and assist with expenses that may have resulted from the crimes.</p> <p>If a person is dissatisfied with a decision from the MHRB, an application to review that decision may be made to VCAT.</p>
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<p><b>Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal</b></p>	<p>The Hon Justice Greg Garde AO RFD President</p> <p>Ms Keryn Negri Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Deputy President Catherine Aird Head of the Civil Division</p> <p>Deputy President Heather Lambrick Head of the Administrative Division</p> <p>Deputy President Genevieve Nihill AM Head of the Human Rights Division</p> <p>Deputy President Heather Barker Head of the Residential Tenancies Division</p>	<p>55 King Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000</p> <p>Tel: (03) 9628-9700</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.vcat.vic.gov.au">www.vcat.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) is established under the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998 (Vic) (the Act).</p> <p>VCAT comprises four divisions.</p> <p>The Civil Division hears and determines a range of civil disputes relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consumer matters</li> <li>• domestic building works</li> <li>• legal services</li> <li>• owners corporation matters</li> <li>• sale and ownership of real property, and</li> <li>• use or flow of water between properties.</li> </ul> <p>The Administrative Division deals with applications from people seeking review of government and other bodies' decisions that affect them. These include decisions relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• local council land valuations and planning permits</li> <li>• Transport Accident Commission findings</li> <li>• State taxation</li> <li>• business licences and professional registrations</li> <li>• Freedom of Information applications</li> <li>• WorkSafe assessments, and</li> <li>• disciplinary proceedings across a range of professions and industries.</li> </ul> <p>The Human Rights Division deals with matters relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• guardianship and administration</li> <li>• discrimination</li> <li>• equal opportunity</li> <li>• racial and religious vilification</li> <li>• health and information privacy</li> <li>• the Disability Act 2006 (Vic), and</li> <li>• decisions made by the Mental Health Review Board.</li> </ul> <p>The Residential Tenancies Division deals with matters involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• residential tenants and landlords</li> <li>• rooming house owners and residents</li> <li>• the Director of Housing and public housing tenants</li> <li>• caravan park owners and residents, and</li> <li>• site tenants and site owners.</li> </ul>
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<b>Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation</b>	Mr Bruce Thompson Chairman  Ms Catherin Myers (Acting CEO)	Address: 49 Elizabeth Street Richmond VIC 3121  Email: <a href="mailto:contact@vcglr.vic.gov.au">contact@vcglr.vic.gov.au</a> Phone: 1300 182 457	<p>The Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) is the independent statutory authority that administers Victoria’s gambling and liquor laws. It replaced two separate bodies and commenced in February 2012</p> <p>The VCGLR is responsible for gambling and liquor licensing and undertakes compliance activities to prevent and detect breaches, while also informing and educating industry and the general public about regulatory practices and requirements.</p> <p>If a person is dissatisfied with a decision from the MHRB, an application to review that decision may be made to VCAT.</p>
<b>Victorian Institute of Teaching</b>	Mr Don Paproth Chair Presiding Officer  Melanie Saba Chief Executive Officer	PO Box 531 Collins Street West VICTORIA 8007 Level 24, 570 Bourke Street Melbourne Victoria 3000  Tel: 1300 888 067  Email: <a href="mailto:vit@vit.vic.edu.au">vit@vit.vic.edu.au</a>  Web: <a href="http://www.vit.vic.edu.au">www.vit.vic.edu.au</a>	<p>The Victorian Institute of Teaching is a statutory authority for the regulation of the teaching profession in Victoria. It registers teachers working in Victorian government, Catholic and independent schools.</p> <p>The Institute is governed by a twelve member Council.</p> <p>The institute investigates and makes findings on instances of serious misconduct, misconduct, serious incompetence or lack of fitness to teach. It does this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receiving complaints</li> <li>• Receiving notification of action taken by an employer</li> <li>• Receiving notification from a teacher they have been convicted or found guilty of an indictable offence</li> <li>• Investigation</li> <li>• Informal hearings</li> <li>• Formal hearings</li> <li>• Medical Panel hearings</li> </ul> <p>If a person is dissatisfied with a decision from the MHRB, an application to review that decision may be made to VCAT.</p>
<b>Victorian Mining Warden and the Victorian Mining Warden’s Court</b>	Mr E John Butler Mining Warden	Victorian Mining Warden's Office Level 33, 121 Exhibition Street Melbourne VIC 3000 <b>Tel: (03) 9651 8070</b> <b>Fax: (03) 9651 8112</b> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:miningwarden@miningwarden.vic.gov.au">miningwarden@miningwarden.vic.gov.au</a>	<p>There are three functions conferred by the Act on a mining warden:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When a dispute has been referred to a mining warden under section 97 (1) of the Act, the mining warden must investigate the dispute, attempt to settle, or arbitrate in relation to, the matter in dispute and, where appropriate, make recommendations to the Minister concerning those matters. When performing the section 97 function, a mining warden may ask parties to first participate in mediation. If it appears settlement is not possible, the mining warden will proceed to arbitration if the circumstances indicate that course is a realistic one to pursue.</li> <li>2. The Minister or the Department Head may under section 98 of the Act refer a matter to a mining warden for investigation, report and recommendation.</li> <li>3. Under section 25A of the Act certain applications for waiver of an exploration licence holder’s consent must be referred by the Minister to a mining warden for a recommendation as to whether a waiver should be granted.</li> </ol>



## Western Australian (WA )Tribunals

<p><b>Department of Commerce</b></p>	<p>Mr Peter Gow Executive Director Building Commission Division</p> <p>Mr Dave Hillyard Acting Executive Director Consumer Protection Division</p> <p>Mr Ken Bowron Executive Director Energy Safety Division</p> <p>Ms Kristen Berger Acting Executive Director Labour Relations Industry and Innovation Division</p> <p>Mr Lex McCulloch Executive Director Worksafe Division</p>	<p>Department of Commerce</p> <p>Level 5, The West Centre 1260 Hay Street West Perth</p> <p>Locked Bag 14 Cloisters Square WA 6850</p> <p>Tel: 1300 13 62 37</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:online@commerce.wa.gov.au">online@commerce.wa.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Formerly the Building Tribunal, the Building Commission has powers to deal with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complaints about the quality of building, painting, plumbing and design certification (decisions may be reviewed by SAT)</li> <li>• Complaints under a home building work contract (decisions may be reviewed by SAT)</li> <li>• Payment disputes in relation to construction contracts between owners, building and subcontractors (not ‘appealable’)</li> <li>• Dividing fences disputes (‘appeals’ heard in the Magistrates Court)</li> </ul> <p>Note that ‘Complex or intractable disputes are referred to the SAT for determination’ and complaints of a disciplinary nature are referred to the Building Services Board.</p> <p>The Consumer Protection Division among other things helps consumers resolve disputes with traders, investigates complaints about unfair trading practices, prosecutes unscrupulous traders.</p> <p>The Energy Safety Division enforces safety and technical standards of electricity and gas networks licenses contractors and carries out accident investigations.</p> <p>The Labour Relations Division amongst other things investigates complaints from employees about breaches of State awards agreements and industrial awards.</p> <p>The Worksafe Division amongst other things enforces occupational safety and health law and assists with the resolution of issues in workplaces.</p>
<p><b>Criminal Injuries Compensation</b></p>	<p>Ms Helen Porter Chief Assessor</p>	<p>Level 12, International House 26 St Georges Terrace Perth WA 6000</p> <p>Phone: 08 9425 3250</p> <p>Fax: 08 9425 3271</p> <p><a href="http://www.justice.wa.gov.au">www.justice.wa.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Victims of crime can be compensated for injuries, in accordance with the <i>Criminal Injuries Compensation Act 2003</i>. Compensation can be sought for an incident reported to the police regardless of whether a person has been identified, charged or convicted of the offence. Compensation can be awarded for suffering bodily harm, mental or nervous shock, or pregnancy, resulting from an offence. Compensation may cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pain and suffering</li> <li>• loss of enjoyment of life</li> <li>• loss of income</li> <li>• medical expenses</li> <li>• other incidental expenses, such as travel for medical treatment or damage of clothing.</li> </ul> <p>Applications are made and referred to an assessor who may require the victim to attend a hearing.</p> <p>If an applicant is dissatisfied with the assessment an appeal is made to the District Court.</p>

<b>Mental Health Tribunal</b>	<p>Mr Michael Hawkins President</p> <p>Marsha Dale Registrar</p>	<p>Mail: PO Box 1623 West Perth WA 6872</p> <p>Email: Registrar@mht.wa.gov.au</p> <p>Tel: (08) 6145 3900</p> <p>Fax: (08) 9226 2668</p> <p>Web: www.mht.wa.gov.au</p>	<p>The Mental Health Tribunal of Western Australia is an independent quasi-judicial tribunal set up under the Western Australian <i>Mental Health Act 2014</i>. The Tribunal replaces the Mental Health Review Board, which operated in Western Australia from December 1997 to November 2015.</p> <p>The Tribunal's role is to safeguard the rights of people with mental illness who are involuntary patients, either in hospital or in the community under a community treatment order. The Tribunal conducts regular reviews of all involuntary patients in Western Australia.</p> <p>Reviews are held at the various metropolitan hospitals and community health centres in person and by video link for patients living in regional areas. Where possible, from time to time reviews are held in person at major regional centres.</p> <p>The Tribunal also has an important role in approving restricted treatments such as electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) and psychosurgery.</p> <p>The Tribunal's approval is also required before psychosurgery is performed, and it can only be carried out on patients who give informed consent to it and are at least 16 years old.</p>
<b>State Administrative Tribunal</b>	<p>The Hon Justice Jeremy Curthoys President</p>	<p>Address: Level 6, 565 Hay Street PERTH WA 6000</p> <p>Mail: GPO Box U1991 PERTH WA 6845</p> <p>Email: sat@justice.wa.gov.au</p> <p>Tel: (08) 9219 3111</p> <p>Fax: (08) 9325 5099</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au">www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au</a></p>	<p>The State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) was established in Western Australia in 2005 as an independent body that makes and reviews a range of administrative decisions.</p> <p>More than 150 existing Acts of Parliament vest jurisdiction in SAT. Given its broad jurisdiction, SAT matters are divided into four streams that enable procedures to be adapted to suit the type of matter and the needs of different people who use the SAT. The streams are:</p> <p>Human Rights - Makes decisions that affect some of the most vulnerable people in our community in relation to guardianship, administration and discrimination, and reviews decisions of the Mental Health Review Board.</p> <p>Development &amp; Resources - Reviews decisions made by Government regarding planning, development and resources, and hears matters relating to land valuation and compensation.</p> <p>Vocational Regulation - Hears complaints concerning occupational misconduct and reviews decisions concerning licensing.</p> <p>Commercial &amp; Civil - Deals with strata title disputes, retirement village disputes, commercial tenancy reviews, credit reviews, Taxation decisions, Commissioner of State Revenue decisions and other commercial and personal matters.</p>

<p><b>Teacher Registration Board of WA</b></p>	<p>Ms Audrey Jackson AM Chairperson</p>	<p>Location: Unit 4, 398 Great Eastern Highway ASCOT WA 6104</p> <p>Mail: PO Box 691 BELMONT WA 6984</p> <p>Email: info@trb.wa.gov.au</p> <p>Telephone: (08) 9230 0600</p> <p>Facsimile: (08) 9479 4004</p> <p>Web: www.trb.wa.gov.au</p>	<p>The Teacher Registration Board of Western Australia came into operation on 7 December 2012 as the body responsible for registration of teachers in Western Australia. The Board's role is determined by the <i>Teacher Registration Act 2012</i>.</p> <p>The TRBWA administers the disciplinary and impairment review processes for teachers.</p> <p>Each disciplinary committee must include a lawyer, a registered teacher and a Board member.</p> <p>Each impairment review committee must include a doctor, a registered teach and a Board member.</p> <p>The disciplinary committee, having undertaken a preliminary assessment, can take one of a range of actions including</p> <p>If the disciplinary committee and the teacher agree to deal with a matter by inquiry, the teacher is entitled, subject to restrictions in some cases, to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• call and give evidence</li> <li>• examine and cross-examine witnesses</li> <li>• make submissions and</li> <li>• be represented.</li> </ul> <p>Some matters can be referred by the committees to the SAT and there are 'appeals' of certain orders to SAT.</p>
<p><b>WorkCover WA Conciliation and Arbitration Services</b></p>	<p>Ms Wendy Attenborough General Manager Conciliation and Arbitration Services</p>	<p>Location: 2 Bedbrook Place SHENTON PARK WA 6008</p> <p>Phone: (08) 9388-5555</p> <p>Fax: (08) 9388-5690</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.workcover.wa.gov.au">www.workcover.wa.gov.au</a></p>	<p>WorkCover WA has a two-stage dispute resolution process.</p> <p>The primary role of the Conciliation Service is to resolve workers' compensation disputes by agreement between parties. Legal representation is permitted. Most disputes are resolved with the assistance of a Conciliation Officer.</p> <p>If issues remain unresolved after the completion of conciliation, there is the option to apply for arbitration.</p> <p>The primary role of the Arbitration Service is to make determinations on workers' compensation disputes, which are legally binding upon parties.</p>

**Note** the Australian Government Productivity Commission's List of tribunals found in Appendix D page 829 of its April 2014 *Access to Justice Arrangements* report includes the following entity as a tribunal which are not included in the register above:

- Warden's Court – this court is constituted under the *Mining Act* and deals with disputes about mining tenements. The Warden's Court is recognized as a Court, can make final orders, conducts hearings in open court, obtains witnesses by subpoena, evidence is given under oath and the normal rules of evidence apply. For these reasons, the warden's Court is not tribunal-like and has not been included.