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The Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal will be implementing changes to its listing and advertising procedures in 2015.

Directions Hearings:

From Jan 2015, the Tribunal will list matters for directions hearings within 7-10 days of lodgment of an appeal. This will mean that appeals will be advertised on Wednesdays and Saturdays in Public Notices sections of all relevant newspapers.

As such, all Planning Authorities will need to modify standard-form letters advising parties of Tribunal advertising procedures, to advise parties that inspection of Public Notices is required on Wednesdays and Saturdays, for notification of appeals which have been lodged.

Full Hearings:

The Tribunal will be ensuring that the Tribunal panel has 4 weeks to issue its final determination from the conclusion of a hearing. The Tribunal will be offering hearing dates to accommodate that time frame within the 90 days.

A party who wishes to obtain a listing later than those nominated by the Tribunal will need to have the consent of other parties to those proceedings for a later listing and consent to an extension to the 90th day time frame to accommodate this change. Alternatively, if all parties do not give their consent a formal application will need to be made to the Tribunal requesting that.

I thank you for your assistance in implementing these changes.

Yours faithfully

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