

APPENDIX 7A



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING APPEAL TRIBUNAL

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Notification of Variation To Listing Procedures

Given the impact of the global economic crisis upon the operating budgets of Government agencies, it is necessary for the Tribunal to modify its listing procedures.

The modifications below will continue until further notice.

- 1) All full hearings of appeals will ordinarily be convened in Hobart, subject to the following conditions:-
 - a) Where a hearing is proposed to take two or more days, the Tribunal may, at its own discretion, convene the first day of the hearing in the local municipality where the development is proposed, with the remaining days of hearing to be heard in Hobart;
 - b) If a site inspection is unnecessary, the hearing will ordinarily be convened entirely in Hobart.
- 2) The Tribunal acknowledges that in certain circumstances, such a listing may visit unreasonable or unjust outcomes upon parties. As such, there is general liberty to apply for a variation to the listing in Hobart. It would be necessary for any person who wishes to have a hearing convened within the municipal area to provide submissions detailing the basis upon which that listing should occur.
- 3) All stakeholders should note that the Tribunal has full video conferencing facilities available to allow witnesses to give evidence via video linkup. All stakeholders are on notice that the cost of using that facility will lie with the party seeking to have witnesses give evidence by video linkup. The costs of that facility may be obtained from the Registry of the Tribunal.
- 4) Notwithstanding that hearings regarding locations around the State will be heard in Hobart, the Tribunal will undertake its own regime to ensure that site inspections occur. Those inspections, however, may be undertaken in a cumulative single trip to reduce the cost to this agency.

I acknowledge that these arrangements will cause inconvenience and difficulty to a great many of the stakeholders who utilise the Tribunal's processes, but regrettably, given the financial strictures which have arisen, these arrangements are unavoidable.

I thank you in anticipation of your cooperation and assistance in these difficult times.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jarrod Bryan', followed by a horizontal line.

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