

## **FACT SHEET**

### **VEXATIOUS PROCEEDINGS BILL 2011**

The Bill is based on a model that originated in Queensland, and has since been introduced in New South Wales and the Northern Territory.

The main aim of the Bill is to allow people considered vexatious by the Court to be prevented by an order of the Court from initiating further proceedings in Tasmania, and also certain proceedings to be dismissed as vexatious without barring the litigant altogether from initiating future court proceedings.

The Bill extends the scope of matters to be considered in making an order to include proceedings brought by the litigant in other jurisdictions.

It also allows orders to be made against persons acting in concert with vexatious litigants, and courts to hear applications for vexatious proceeding orders where proceedings have taken place in tribunals such as the Anti-Discrimination tribunals.