

FACT SHEET

Justices of the Peace Bill 2018

The Bill provides a new, and more comprehensive, framework for the appointment and regulation of the conduct of Justices of the Peace in Tasmania. It contains new provisions in order to meet current expectations of governance, and is more comprehensive than the limited provisions currently contained in the *Justices Act 1959*, dealing with more than just appointment.

The Bill increases the transparency of the process of appointing Justices of the Peace, and the processes around resignation, retirement, suspension and removal from office.

The Bill contains comprehensive provisions in relation to:

- Eligibility for appointment as a Justice of the Peace;
- Investigation of complaints against Justices of the Peace;
- Suspension and removal of Justices of the Peace from office;
- Duties of Justices of the Peace, including training, availability and compliance with a Code of Conduct;
- Statutory retirement ages for Justices of the Peace;
- Offences in relation to Justices of the Peace; and
- Maintenance of the register of Justices of the Peace and the collection of information regarding Justices of the Peace.