

FACT SHEET

Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Bill 2020

Tasmania is establishing the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TasCAT) which will be based in new premises at 38 Barrack Street, Hobart.

TasCAT will improve access to justice for the Tasmanian community. It will also allow for the better utilisation of administrative support and resources for proceedings in Tasmania.

As a first step towards the establishment of TasCAT, the following Tribunals and Boards have co-located at 38 Barrack Street:

- The Anti-Discrimination Tribunal;
- The Asbestos Compensation Tribunal;
- The Forest Practices Tribunal;
- The Guardianship and Administration Board;
- The Health Practitioners Tribunal;
- The Mental Health Tribunal;
- The Motor Accidents Compensation Tribunal;
- The Resource Management and Planning Appeal Tribunal; and
- The Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Tribunal.

While these Tribunals and Boards have co-located, they will not become part of TasCAT until 2021.

The *Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Bill 2020* (the Bill) is the first of several Bills that will be necessary to establish TasCAT. The Bill:

- establishes TasCAT;
- sets out TasCAT's objectives;
- provides for membership and staffing of TasCAT;
- sets out TasCAT's structure; and
- assists with issues arising from co-location at the Barrack Street premises.

Future Bills will expand TasCAT's jurisdiction and will provide further powers including in relation to costs, diversity proceedings and alternative dispute resolution.