**Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment Bill 2020 - Have your say**

The Tasmanian Government is committed to providing opportunities for community involvement in the development of Government policy and we are seeking your input on the *Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Amendment Bill 2020* (the draft Bill).

Tasmania is forming a Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TasCAT) which will be based in new premises at Barrack Street, Hobart. The *Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Bill 2020* passed Parliament on 15 October 2020

The draft Bill is the second of at least two Bills that will be tabled in Parliament as part of the establishment of TasCAT.

This Bill:

* Sets out how the Tribunal is to be constituted in a particular matter;
* Establishes the original jurisdiction of TasCAT and the review jurisdiction of TasCAT;
* Provides for further powers and procedures for TasCAT (e.g. costs, appeals, ADR);
* Provides for referral of matters from TasCAT to the Magistrates Court Civil Division for matters that involve Federal diversity jurisdiction; and
* Sets out the transitional arrangements allowing current Tribunal/Board members to be transferred to TasCAT from the commencement date of TasCat.

In addition to this Bill, there will be a further bill setting out consequential amendments to a range of legislation in order to confer jurisdiction on to TasCAT within both its original and review jurisdictions, which will be consulted on in 2021.

**How to make a submission**

We must receive all written submissions by **5:00pm** on **Monday, 1 February 2021**

You can make your submission either online, by email or by post.

Email your submission to haveyoursay@justice.tas.gov.au

Mail your submission to

Department of Justice
Office of the Secretary
GPO Box 825
Hobart TAS 7001

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Where possible, please consider typing your submission in plain English and providing it in a format such as Microsoft Word or equivalent.

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