



# Building and plumbing newsflash number 388

## Expression of interest for building and development tribunals referee appointments

### Purpose

Expressions of interest are sought for appointments to the building and development tribunals by 5.00pm on 18 September 2009.

### Background

The tribunals are established under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* (IPA) and provide an affordable, timely and accessible non-court based dispute resolution and decision service.

They deal with a range of development matters, including:

- siting requirements for houses, garages, carports and sheds
- swimming pool fencing and budget accommodation
- enforcement notices about building and plumbing matters
- plumbing, drainage and on-site sewerage facilities
- errors in the calculation of an infrastructure charges notice.

Tribunals provide appropriate and proportionate hearings for technical matters. A proposed further expansion of the tribunal's jurisdiction was announced as part of the Sustainable Planning Bill 2009 and includes the ability to hear appeals about selected residential related development approvals. The tribunal's name is also proposed to be change to the building and development dispute resolution committee upon commencement of the new Act.

### Expressions of interest

General referees are appointed by the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning. Referees must possess qualifications or experience necessary to hear and decide appeals against decisions made under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, the *Building Act 1975*, the *Residential Services (Accreditation) Act 2002* and the *Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002*.

Successful candidates will be appointed as general referees for a term of not more than three years. However, the appointment will not be a full-time position. The frequency of appointment as a member of a tribunal will depend on the type, number and origin of appeals received.

Remuneration will be paid in accordance with the government procedures for part-time chairs and members of government boards, committees and statutory authorities. remuneration is only paid to eligible general referees when appointed to a building and development tribunal established to consider a specific appeal.

Individuals who are listed on the Queensland lobbyist register are not permitted to serve on government appointed boards or in other significant appointments paid by the Queensland government.

Further information and selection criteria may be obtained by telephoning the registrar of building and development tribunals.



## Contact for further information

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