

- matters coming before it requiring such expertise;
- the Tribunal's procedures for dealing with environmental matters as complex and unusual cases be kept under constant review;
 - the Administrative Review Council examine the issue of the review of environmental decisions;
 - preliminary conferences in the one matter be conducted by the same person wherever possible;
 - pending development of long-term case management time standards, interim time standards be applied in the bulk of cases, including:
 - receipt of application to dispatch of notice - 2 working days
 - first conference to last conference - 16 weeks
 - receipt of application to final disposal - 12 months
 - uniform national policies on all significant practices and procedures be developed with input from members and staff;
 - the AAT Act be amended to allow two-member hearings with a right to a rehearing by a three-member Tribunal where the two members fail to reach agreement;
 - suitable applicants for appointment to membership of the Tribunal be interviewed by an advisory committee including the President or his or her nominee, if he or she should so wish, and a nominee of the Minister;
 - criteria be used to measure the relative merits of applicants;
 - the establishment of a joint registry with the Federal Court and/or other Commonwealth review bodies be considered in each location where the lodgement is consistently less than 350 per annum;
 - fees payable in Tribunal proceedings continue to be lower than those applying in the Commonwealth Courts;
 - the AAT Act be amended to give power to the Registrar or Deputy Registrar to waive or remit any fees in some cases; and
 - Tribunal fees paid be recoverable from a respondent if the application is successful.
- There has not yet been any response from Government. [PG]

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