

OMBUDSMAN TASMANIA



Errata in Right to Information section of Ombudsman Tasmania Annual Report 2020-2021

Unfortunately, some errors were recorded in the Right to Information portion of the Ombudsman Tasmania Annual Report 2020-2021. These arose from:

- A DPIPWE external review decision being recorded as outcome varied when this was actually affirmed;
- A DPFEM external review decision being recorded as outcome varied when this was actually affirmed;
- An external review relating to the Director of Inland Fisheries being recorded as relating to DPIPWE; and
- Some human/proofreading errors.

Below are listed the corrections for the prose at pages 19-20 and accurate tabular information from Appendix B.

Prose corrections:

- In Statistics and Performance, External Reviews Opened and Closed (page 19):
 - The number of reviews closed during the 2020-21 period should be 53 (not 55)
 - the number of external reviews which proceeded to formal decisions should be 16 (not 18)
 - The number of external reviews of State Government departments should be 40 (not 43)
- In Statistics and Performance, Reviews Opened by Public Authority Type and Agency (page 19) the most number of reviews undertaken by this office in 2020-21 should not include the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment
- In Statistics and Performance, Reviews Closed by Public Authority Type (page 20):
 - the number of external review decisions completed in the 2020-21 reporting year should be 16 (not 18)
 - the number of external review decisions which involved State Government departments should be 9 (not 12)
 - that an external review decision involved a statutory corporation should be included
 - the number of State Government department decisions affirmed should be 6 (not 5)

Corrected Tables:

Table 27 – Summary of RTI Reviews

Authority	Applications Received 2019-20	Applications Received 2020-21	Closed 2020-21	Reviews Undertaken	Authority's Decision Affirmed
State Government Department	32	51	40	9	5
Local Government Council	26	16	8	4	2
Statutory Authority or Other Body	7	3	5	3	0
Total	65	70	53	16	7

Table 28 – Right to Information Outcomes

Decision	2019-20	2020-21	Variance
Agency Decision Affirmed	1	8	700%
Agency Decision Varied	16	4	-75%
Agency Decision Set Aside	4	4	0%
Other (see Note 1)	25	37	48%
Total	46	53	15%

Note 1: 'Other' includes matters not progressed, withdrawn by applicant, negotiated resolution, information released and/or direction for a new decision to be made, or information released.

Table 29 – Reviews against State Government Departments

Department	Applications Received 2019-20	Applications Received 2020-21	Closed 2020-21	Reviews Undertaken	Agency Decision Affirmed
Communities Tasmania	2	12	8	0	0
Education	5	2	1	0	0
Health	1	16	10	0	0
Justice	6	5	4	2	1
Office of the Ombudsman and Health Complaints Commissioner	0	1	1	0	0
Police, Fire and Emergency Management	4	3	5	4	3
Premier and Cabinet	0	1	1	1	0
Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment	7	7	5	2	2
State Growth	5	2	3	0	0
Tasmanian Health Service (THS)	1	2	2	0	0
Treasury and Finance	1	0	0	0	0
Total	32	51	40	9	6

Table 30 – Reviews against Local Government

Council	Applications Received 2019-20	Applications Received 2020-21	Closed 2020-21	Reviews Undertaken	Authority Decisions Affirmed
Break O'Day Council	0	1	0	0	0
Central Coast Council	2	0	0	0	0
Clarence City Council	0	1	1	1	0
Devonport City Council	2	3	0	0	0
Dorset Council	3	0	1	1	0
Glenorchy City Council	1	0	0	0	0
Hobart City Council	4	2	0	0	0
Kentish Council	2	0	1	0	0
Launceston City Council	2	2	3	2	2
Meander Valley Council	3	0	0	0	0
Northern Midlands Council	6	3	0	0	0
Northern Tasmanian Development Corporation	0	1	0	0	0
Sorell Council	0	1	0	0	0

Southern Midlands	0	0	1	0	0
Tasman Council	1	0	1	0	0
Waratah-Wynyard Council	0	1	0	0	0
West Coast Council	0	1	0	0	0
Total	26	16	8	4	2

Table 31 – Reviews against Statutory Authorities and Other Bodies

Statutory Authority or Other Body	Applications Received 2019-20	Applications Received 2020-21	Closed 2020-21	Reviews Undertaken	Authority Decisions Affirmed
Hydro	2	0	1	1	0
Minister for Energy and Resources	0	0	1	1	0
Sustainable Timbers Tasmania	1	0	0	0	0
Tasmanian Building and Construction Industry Training B	0	1	1	0	0
Tasmanian Ports Corporation Pty Ltd	1	0	0	0	0
TasNetworks	0	1	1	0	0
The Public Trustee	1	0	0	0	0

TT Line	1	0	0	0	0
University of Tasmania	1	1	0	0	0
Director of Inland Fisheries	0	0	1	1	0
Total	7	3	5	3	0

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