



Dust Diseases Tribunal of New South Wales Contributions Assessors - Expression of Interest

Expressions of interest are sought from legal practitioners interested in appointment to the panel of Contributions Assessors for the purposes of Part 4, Division 5 of the *Dust Diseases Tribunal Regulation 2013* (the Regulation). Contributions Assessors are appointed by the Secretary of the Department of Justice for a period of up to three years.

The Dust Diseases Tribunal is a court of record established by the *Dust Diseases Tribunal Act 1989*. The Tribunal has exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine claims for damages for dust diseases such as asbestosis and mesothelioma.

The role of the Contributions Assessor is to determine the contribution each defendant is liable to make towards any damages recovered by the plaintiff in a particular claim. Contributions are determined:

- in accordance with Division 5 of the Regulation;
- in accordance with the standard presumptions set out in the *Dust Diseases Tribunal (Standard Presumptions – Apportionment) Order 2007*; and
- on the basis of documents filed by the parties in the proceedings.

Contributions Assessor fees are determined by the Secretary of the Department of Justice from time to time. Fees are paid by each defendant in proportion to their determined share of contribution. The current fee scale and other relevant legislation can be found on the Tribunal's website:

<http://www.dustdiseasestribunal.justice.nsw.gov.au>

Persons appointed as Contributions Assessors will have their name and phone number included on the list of Assessors maintained by the Tribunal and published on its website.

Practitioners with a DX address and skills and experience in dust-diseases claims are encouraged to apply. Expressions of interest, setting out relevant skills and expertise should be addressed to:

The Registrar, Dust Diseases Tribunal
Locked Bag 16, HAYMARKET NSW 1240 or alternatively

DX 11567 SYDNEY DOWNTOWN

For further enquiries please email the Registrar at:

dust_diseases_tribunal@justice.gov.au