

Your rights if an Application for Treatment Order is made

The Tribunal will hold a hearing to decide this application for a treatment order. The hearing will be held as soon as practicable (and within 10 days of the application being lodged with the Tribunal). The Tribunal will advise you of the time and place of that hearing. You do not have to attend the hearing (unless you have been summonsed to do so); however, if you chose to attend you have a number of rights at the hearing, including the following:

- the right to be present throughout the hearing, and to be represented by a lawyer or another person of your choosing (although the Tribunal may exclude you (or any person) if it reasonably considers that being present will be detrimental to any person's (yours or another person's) health, safety or welfare);
- the right to be dressed in ordinary (rather than institutional) clothing;
- the right to put before the Tribunal material that you want it to take into account in making its decision, including:
 - giving information to the Tribunal yourself; and/or
 - asking others to give the Tribunal information;and that such information can be given to the Tribunal in person (by speaking at the hearing) or in writing (by producing a document or written statement);
- the right to ask questions of any of the people who have presented material to the Tribunal;
- the right to make oral or written submissions to the Tribunal;
- the right to engage an interpreter; and
- the right to apply for an adjournment.

Additional information about the process for determining applications can be obtained from the TASCAT website at www.tascat.tas.gov.au or by contacting the Tribunal on 1800 657 500.