



1. **COUNCIL POLICIES**
- 1.2 **OTHER COUNCIL ISSUES**
- 1.2.6 **State Administrative Tribunal - Delegation**

The State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) came into effect on 1 January 2005 and it replaced numerous civil administrative tribunals and some court and ministerial appeal processes. The SAT is responsible for considering appeals on a wide range of legislation, including legislation administered by Local Government, such as the Town Planning and Development Act, Local Government Act, Health Act and Dog Act. Significantly, the SAT, like the former Town Planning Appeal Tribunal, can override the decision of Council.

The SAT requires respondents (such as the Shire) to meet required deadlines, most which are tight and which do not correspond to Council's current monthly meetings. For instance, the Shire has only two weeks to initially respond to a planning appeal and subsequently file and serve its Statement of Respondent. This report therefore seeks clear direction from Council to deal with reporting constraints.

It is appropriate for Council to delegate responsibility to the Shire's Chief Executive Officer to determine the appropriate approach and in turn, keep Council informed of relevant matters. This approach is administratively efficient, however the Council may feel 'detached' from the appeal process

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The Administration of this Policy is by Corporate Division.