

Land Valuation Tribunal

Updated Protocol: COVID-19 Alert Level 1

Chief Environment Court Judge David Kirkpatrick

23 February 2021

1. This protocol applies to the Land Valuation Tribunal (Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch registries) during COVID-19 Alert Level 1 and comes into effect on 23 February 2021.
2. The Tribunal is now processing and hearing all classes of cases.
3. Everyone attending a hearing will continue to be encouraged to wear masks and to practise physical distancing. The Tribunal also strongly encourages the use of the NZ COVID QR Tracer codes that are in place in the entranceways of all Courts (or keeping a personal record).
4. Some continuing remote participation will be appropriate where travel arrangements are problematic (particularly where a participant is based overseas) or where any participant has a medical vulnerability.

Hearings

5. Hearings will proceed in the normal way, with all participants present in person.
6. If any participant is at higher risk of severe illness, is immune-compromised or has a relevant underlying health condition, they should not attend a hearing. If this applies, the Tribunal should be advised so that alternative arrangements for the attendance can be made.

Hygiene

7. Where any event in a proceeding occurs in courthouse premises, the Ministry of Justice will provide hygiene measures as described here:
<https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Publications/20200610-Ministry-of-Justice-HSS-during-Alert-Level-1.pdf>
8. Any concerns about health and safety practices should be raised with the Registrar in the first instance

Filing of documents

9. The Environment Court's public counters are open for filing. Documents may be filed in person, by post or by email.

Filing fees

10. The payment of fees can be made by direct debit, by cheque and by eftpos at the registry counter. Fee waiver applications can be made as usual via email or mail. Please contact the Tribunal if you have any issues regarding the payment of fees.

Addresses for electronic filing of documents

11. All electronic filing should be sent to the relevant case or hearing manager or the Environment Court's email address at environment.court@justice.govt.nz

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