



Weathertight Homes TRIBUNAL

RESOLUTION

**AN OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER FROM
THE CHAIR OF THE TRIBUNAL**

This edition of resolution launches the [new Chair's Directions](#) and [application form for standalone dwellings](#) both of which are effective from Monday 9 August 2010. The Chair's Directions are an update of the existing directions and do not significantly change current tribunal processes or procedures.

The changes to the single dwelling application form brings it into line with the more recent application form for multi unit complexes. While the new application form comes into effect on 9 August 2010 we will continue to accept claims completed on the previous application forms until the end of November 2010. Claimants who have started completing the existing application form do not need to start again using the new forms. We would however encourage all claimants to include the specific information requested in the appendix to the new application in any application filed with the Tribunal using the old form.

The Tribunal requires claimants to provide clear particulars of the claim including a chronology, information on defects, damage and remedial costs and also the factual and legal basis of the claims being alleged against each respondent. What we are looking for is concise, claim-specific information and allegations rather than pro forma pleadings. We do not need, nor want, statements of claims using a standard template with the majority of information generic or background information cut and pasted from one application into another. What is required is claim specific information on the building defects that have caused leak and why each party named is alleged to be responsible, linking the particular defects with the relevant respondents.

Patricia McConnell
Chair
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