

FORENSIC PATIENT VICTIMS REGISTER



Registration Information

The Forensic Patient Victim's Register is maintained by the Forensic Division of the Mental Health Review Tribunal. The Register provides notification to registered victims who choose to be notified about:

- the review of forensic patients including whether the Tribunal will be considering an application for leave or release;
- the determination of the Tribunal following the review, including the making of any orders;
- administrative orders made by the Director-General of Health for forensic patients to have either emergency or special circumstances leave, or transfer between mental health facilities.

The Register also facilitates the receipt of submissions from registered victims for Tribunal reviews.

The *Mental Health (Forensic Provisions) Act 1990* provides that a victim is either the primary victim, or a member of the immediate family of the primary victim. A member of the immediate family of a primary victim is:

- (a) the victim's spouse, or
- (b) the victim's de facto spouse, or partner of the same sex, who has cohabited with the victim for at least 2 years, or
- (c) a parent, guardian or step-parent of the victim, or
- (d) a child or step-child of the victim or some other child of whom the victim is the guardian, or
- (e) a brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, step-brother or step-sister of the victim.

If you wish to register, please complete the attached form and return it to the Mental Health Review Tribunal.

On registering as a victim, you may select the ways in which you wish to be involved in and notified of the process of review for the forensic patient. The various options available are listed on the attached form. Please indicate which of these options you prefer by ticking the relevant box(es). Please note that you may vary your selection at any point in the future.

More information about the Mental Health Review Tribunal is available on the Tribunal's website www.mhrt.nsw.gov.au , including an information brochure for registered victims. If you have any questions about the Register, please contact the Forensic Team Leader, on 9816 5955.

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Mental Health
Review Tribunal

Registration Form

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Hm: _____ Wk: _____

Mob: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Victim's Name: _____

Your relationship to the Victim: _____

Victim's relationship to the
forensic patient (if any): _____

Forensic Patient's name: _____

I wish to receive the following:

- Notification of Tribunal hearings only where leave or release is being applied for
- Notification of all Tribunal hearings
- Notification of Tribunal determinations only where leave or release was applied for
- Notification of Tribunal determination only where leave or release was granted
- Notification of all Tribunal determinations
- Notification if the forensic patient absconds or breaches their conditions of leave or release
- Notification of Administrative Orders issued by the Director-General of Health.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO:

EMAIL: mhrtforensic@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

POST: Forensic Unit, Mental Health Review Tribunal

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