

TOWARD THE HORIZON TRIBUNALS OF THE FUTURE

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The State Administrative Tribunal services the entirety of Western Australia from its office in Perth. SAT frequently attends hearings and mediations on site in various parts of the state and it also makes extensive use of audio-visual facilities to assist parties to 'appear' and participate in proceedings. This contribution will consider some of the experiences that have been learned over the past 12 years with reference to: (a) on-site mediations; (b) site-views as part of hearings; (c) strengths and limitations of audio-visual participation.