

Australian Sterilisation Data Report

Report on tribunal and board-approved medical procedures that resulted in the sterilisation of adults with cognitive impairment 1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021

The table below contains statistics on the number of instances where state and territory tribunals and boards have approved a process that results in sterilisation during the period 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021. This is the sixth report following the release of the 'National project on sterilisation data collection practices' undertaken by the Australian Guardianship and Administration Council (AGAC) in 2015 with funding from the Federal Attorney-General's Department. That report and its appendices are available on the AGAC website (www.agac.org.au).

Note that this table records board and tribunal authorisation of procedures that resulted in the sterilisation of adults with cognitive impairment. Sterilisation of the adult may not have been the primary aim of the procedure in question.

Previous reports on the number of instances where state and territory tribunals and boards have approved a sterilisation process are available on the AGAC website.

Adult sterilisation approvals between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021

Jurisdiction	Tribunal	Approvals
Australian Capital Territory	ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal	0
New South Wales	NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal	3**
Northern Territory	Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal	0
Queensland	Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal	1
South Australia	South Australian Civil and Administrative Tribunal	1
Tasmania	Guardianship and Administration Board	2 (^)
Victoria	Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal	2
Western Australia	State Administrative Tribunal	0
Total		9

** See published decisions on www.caselaw.nsw.gov.au - JZL [2021] NSWCATGD 13; TZV [2020] NSWCATGD 76; MCF [2020] NSWCATGD 77.

^ See UI (Consent to Special Medical Treatment) [2020] TASGAB 48

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