

# Impairment Protocol Process Map

## Evidence Collection



Lawyer collects information to best advise their clients including JME/IME report/s

Consideration given to impairment bypass

Lodge Interim Impairment Benefit Request form, if applicable

TAC has 28 days to respond, provided request includes suggested interim WPJ based on available evidence

## Lodgement



Lawyer lodges complete application form with all required information as outlined in the Protocols Documentation Standards

TAC reminder if no application lodged within 28 days of last JME report

If no impairment application or alternative date is received within 35 days of the reminder, TAC will proceed to make a determination

## Post Application



Within 28 days TAC must provide a written proposal to lawyer

Notice that TAC requires  
Additional Relevant information  
Supplementary report from JME  
Client to attend IME/s

Lawyer responds within 14 days from the request date

## Finalisation



Lawyer responds to TAC within 28 days of proposal?

TAC will proceed to make an impairment determination without a release being signed

Within 28 days of receiving the TAC's impairment proposal, lawyer must advise TAC whether

- Accepts the proposal without release
- Accepts the proposal with release
- Proposes an alternative impairment determination

Legal costs will be paid according to the Protocols Legal Costs Schedule

Within 14 days TAC must

- If the proposal is accepted
- Negotiate to reach agreement on impairment determination

If no agreement is reached through negotiation, the TAC makes an impairment determination without a signed release

Unable to reach an agreement