Research Plan
The University of Tasmania Higher Degrees by Research Candidature Policy states the research plan is the blueprint for a candidate's higher degree, mapping the aims, methods, directions, milestones, and infrastructure and resource requirements. The first Research Plan is submitted within three months of commencing candidature. It is a living document which is revised regularly and is revisited at Confirmation of Candidature and Annual Reviews.

Confirmation of Candidature
Confirmation of Candidature (CoC) is mandatory in accordance with Rule 4 Rules of Graduate research and must take place no sooner than 9 months and no later than 12 months of candidature. CoC is an important quality assurance milestone and an educative opportunity for Candidates to receive constructive feedback from the academic community.

Annual Review of Progress
Annual Reviews occur on each anniversary after Confirmation of Candidature. The purpose of the Annual Reviews is to assess a Candidate's academic progress in relation to the Candidate's research plan and the adequacy of resources (including supervisory team relationship) needed by the Candidate to complete the research project within the maximum degree period.

Thesis Examination Process
There are 5 steps in the thesis examination process
1. Abstract with Notice of Intention to Submit – eight weeks prior to expected submission date.
2. Submission of thesis
3. Examination reports
4. Final copies of thesis
5. Graduation
Detailed information about these steps can be found at http://www.utas.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/667203/HDR-Thesis-Preparation-Submission-and-Examination-Policy.pdf