Media information for public hearings

Notice of public hearings

The Inquiry advertises upcoming public hearings via media announcements on the Inquiry's webpage.

Location

The first public hearing on 27 February 2023, will be held at:

The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre Plaza Level Room P11 Merivale Street, South Brisbane QLD 4101

The location of further public hearings will be announced in due course.

Recording and filming

Unless the Inquiry determines otherwise, media are only allowed to film, record and photograph:

- the opening address by the Assistants IGADF and Counsel Assisting the Inquiry on the first day of the Inquiry hearing on 27 February 2024. Generally, up to two television crews are permitted, with the footage to be made available to other crews present. Members of the public in the hearing room should not be photographed or filmed.
- stand-ups in reception areas with the permission of the Inquiry's Strategic Communication Advisor, and without public hearing participants or the public in attendance.

Media responsibilities

Media representatives must:

- abide by all suppression and non-publication orders. While the Inquiry advises the media whether suppression or non-publication orders are in force, journalists are responsible for ensuring they are up-to-date with suppression or non-publication orders
- take only authorised film, recordings and photographs as described above; to do otherwise will risk exclusion
- cause minimal disruption when filming, recording or photographing the opening addresses
- comply with any security procedures each time they attend the premises where the public hearing is being held
- switch mobile telephones, tablets and other devices to silent in the hearing room.

Interviews

The Inquiry does not arrange interviews with witnesses, Assistants IGADF, counsel or the public or allow such interviews on the premises where the public hearings are being held.

Information available

It is hoped that transcripts of each day's evidence of a public hearing will be posted on the Inquiry's webpage, perhaps with redactions, along with witness lists that are not subject to suppression or non-publication orders. However, it may take some days or weeks for the transcripts to be posted to the webpage.

Under s 17 and s 28M IGADF Regulation 2016, the Inquiry may direct that for national security, fairness to a person or for personnel welfare reasons, transcripts of the public hearing are not to be recorded, transmitted, distributed or otherwise disclosed to any person without prior authorisation from the Inquiry.

Live streaming?

The Inquiry may publicly live stream the proceedings of its public hearings via this webpage.

If directed by the Inquiry for national security, fairness to a person or personnel welfare reasons, media representatives must not record, transmit, distribute or otherwise disclose the livestreamed material without prior authorisation from the Inquiry.

Failure to abide by the terms and conditions may result in a live stream being discontinued.

Under s 17 and s 28M IGADF Regulation 2016, the live stream may be muted or suspended at any time, including:

- (a) for reasons of national security
- (b) when the Inquiry has exercised its power to exclude the public from a hearing
- (c) where a relevant suppression or non-publication order is in place
- (d) for the welfare of witnesses or other people.