



**Royal Commission
into the Casino
Operator and Licence**

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The Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence (the Commission) recognises the media has an important role to play in reporting on its work. The Commission will be conducting a number of public hearings.

HEARING DETAILS

Dates and locations of public hearings will be published on the hearing schedule page of the Commission's website.

MEDIA ROOM

There is a dedicated media room next door to the hearing room which includes a large TV monitor providing a live broadcast of proceedings. A video and audio splitter will be made available in the media room. The video and audio feeds will provide footage with a fifteen minute delay to enable editing where a non-publication order is made.

Media should check with the Commission's media team in advance of hearings for any specific requirements. It is possible to work from laptops and phones in this room.

HEARING ROOM

Seating in the hearing room is limited. A small number of seats are available for media, subject to parties' requirements for legal representatives and support personnel each day.

MEDIA ACCESS

All media attending the public hearing must check in at the media room each day, and should show their media credentials on request. Due to limits on numbers, media who have registered in advance will be given preference for access on the day.

LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming of public hearings will also be made available through the Commission webpage www.rccol.vic.gov.au There will be a 15 minute delay for this live stream to accommodate non-publication orders.

RECORDING AND FILMING

The Commission does not permit filming (including sound recording) or still photography of:

1. the hearing room;
2. the public gallery or witness box within the hearing room;
3. the Commission's office, reception, lift foyer; and
4. any lifts or reception area of the building in which the Commission is conducting a hearing.

Mobile phones, tablets and other devices must be switched off or placed on silent while in the hearing room.

The Commission previously granted permission for the media to record the opening hearing under pool arrangements. These arrangements are only available where possible and on request.

NON-PUBLICATION ORDERS

The Commission has powers to direct that any evidence not be published. A non-publication order may be made, varied and/or lifted during a public hearing, and will be attached to the door where the proceedings are taking place. It is the responsibility of the media to comply with any non-publication orders.

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts of the Commission's public hearings will be made available on the Commission's website following the hearing. The transcript will reflect any relevant non-publication orders.

RECORDINGS

Video recordings of the public hearings will be available on the Commission website following the hearings. This footage may be edited and used for reporting requirements once it is loaded onto the website, but only after permission is granted in writing from the Commission.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews with witnesses and members of the public will not be facilitated by the Commission and are not permitted within the Commission's premises.

All media requests for comment by the Commissioner, Counsel Assisting, Solicitors Assisting or staff of the Commission should be directed to the Director Media and Communications.

COVIDSAFE PLAN

Please follow the COVIDSafe Plan for the Commission's hearings at the Fair Work Commission:

- Get tested and stay home even if you only have mild symptoms. You should **not** attend the Fair Work Commission.
- Physical distancing should be maintained during social interactions.
- It is recommended to wear a face mask when you cannot maintain 1.5 metres distance from other people.
- Register on the QR code at the start of each day when attending the Fair Work Commission.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitiser provided throughout the building.
- Take regular outdoor breaks between hearing sessions.

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