



## Media information for public hearings

The Royal Commission holds public hearings into the response of institutions to allegations of child sexual abuse.

Media will be notified of upcoming public hearings via an advisory notice, through public notices and on our website.

Public hearings may be held in various locations around Australia, however many will be held at the Royal Commission hearing rooms at:

Level 17, Governor Macquarie Tower  
1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000.

### Web streaming

Public hearings will be streamed live on the Royal Commission website  
[www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au](http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au)

### Media facilities

For media attending public hearings in Sydney, the Royal Commission provides a dedicated media room with:

- closed circuit television to enable journalists to view and listen to the proceedings
- splitter box with audio/video feeds.

When public hearings are held in other locations, we will notify you of specific arrangements in advance. To join our mailing list, contact  
[media@childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au](mailto:media@childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au)

### Non-publication directions

The Royal Commission has powers to direct that any evidence given before it not be published.

A non-publication direction may be made, varied and/or lifted in a public hearing. The Media Officer may advise on the currency of non-publication directions during a public hearing, however it is the responsibility of media outlets to comply with all non-publication directions. If unsure, please contact the Media Officer (02 8282 3966) to confirm what non-publication directions are in effect.

### Recording and Filming

Permission is usually given by the Royal Commission to:

- Record - (visual and audio) the Chair of the Royal Commission at the commencement of the hearing making his Opening statement.
- Record – (visual and audio) the Opening by Counsel assisting on the first day of a public hearing.

- Undertake 'stand-ups' in a dedicated room with the prior permission of the Media Officer but without members of the public in attendance.

Please note: Television news crew may arrange for a pool camera to record the Opening on condition that the recorded material is also made available to any other crew present.

The following is not permitted by the Royal Commission:

Taking video or still shots of:

- the public gallery within the Royal Commission hearing room;
- Counsel within the Royal Commission hearing room;
- the Royal Commission reception and lift foyer; and
- Any of the Governor Macquarie Tower lifts or the ground floor lobby of Governor Macquarie Tower.

### **Transcripts**

Daily transcripts of the Royal Commission's public hearings will be available on the Royal Commission's website overnight. The transcript will be edited to reflect any relevant directions not to publish.

### **Access to evidence**

The media may inspect and take extracts from material tendered in evidence after it has been notified as available for inspection by Counsel assisting, subject to the conditions that:

- it not be used or permitted to be used for any purpose other than the public reporting of the proceedings of the Royal Commission, and
- anything that is the subject of a non-publication direction must not be published.

### **Interviews**

Interviews with witnesses, counsel and the public will not be facilitated by the Royal Commission and are not permitted within Royal Commission premises.

### **Mobile phones**

Mobile phones must be switched off or on silent while in the hearing room.

If you have any questions please contact the Royal Commission Media Officer on 02 8282 3966.