



Information for Media Representatives

ACT Integrity Commission Public Examinations

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In accordance with the *Integrity Commission Act 2018*, the ACT Integrity Commission (the Commission) may hold an examination in public if it determines it is in the public interest to do so.

Prior to holding a public examination, the Commission may choose to notify media representatives through a media release or media alert.

Attending the Commission for an examination

Unless otherwise advised, public examinations be conducted at:

ACT Integrity Commission Examination Room, Level 3, 55 Wentworth Avenue, Kingston, ACT, 2617.

Media representatives must register their interest in attending an examination and report to relevant Commission personnel upon arrival. Unregistered representatives will not be permitted entry to the examination room.

All registered representatives will be required to comply with the Commission's security screening protocols. The Commission requires that all bags be scanned in an x-ray scanner and that representatives walk through a metal detector and/or participate in a handheld scan by licenced staff. Please ensure that you advise us of any medical conditions that may prevent you from being screened as soon as possible.

Please note, the building at 55 Wentworth Avenue has multiple tenants other than the Commission. Media representatives should ensure their conduct is respectful and appropriate so that it does not interfere with these tenants and their work.

Sitting hours

The Commission ordinarily sits from Monday to Friday each week. Usual hearing hours are 10:00am to 4:00pm, with a luncheon adjournment from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. The Commissioner may direct that sitting hours be varied as required.

Media Facilities

Media representatives will be allocated seating within the Commission's examination room. The Commission asks that representatives limit their movements in and out of the examination room while an examination is in session to prevent disruptions.



A media liaison point will be established in the Commission's lobby should you have any questions during adjournments. Alternatively, questions arising during the examination session can be emailed to media@integrity.act.gov.au.

Recording and filming

Photography, audio recording and video recording are all strictly prohibited on Commission premises or anywhere else in the building, as per the Commission's [Standard Directions for Public Examinations](#). The Commission does not allow interviewing of witnesses, counsel, Commission staff, or the public on Commission premises or anywhere in the building.

Film or photography cameras of any kind will not be permitted on Commission premises. Any media representatives who use a mobile device to take photographs will be asked to leave the examination.

Sharing of footage

The Commission will distribute select footage from the first day of public examinations to representatives for inclusion in any news coverage. This footage will not include witness testimony.

Media representatives should request this footage from the Commission's media liaison. Footage will be generally provided by 03:30pm each examination day. If footage is delayed or unable to be provided, media representatives will be notified as soon as practicable by the Commission's media liaison.

Suppression Orders

A suppression order may be issued or varied at any point throughout the examination, or after an examination has concluded.

Copies of suppression orders in effect during an examination will be posted on the examination room door. The Commission's media liaison may provide media representatives a copy of any current suppression order(s) during a public examination, however it is the responsibility of media outlets to ensure any suppression order(s) are adhered to.

Transcripts and Exhibits

Transcripts

Daily transcripts of the Commission's public examinations will be available on the Commission's website after an examination has occurred, likely the morning after. Published transcripts will be edited to reflect any relevant suppression orders.



Exhibits

As per the [Standard Directions for Public Examinations](#), authorised media representatives may inspect and take extracts from any book, document or writing tendered in evidence only **after** it has been notified as being available for inspection by Counsel Assisting the Commission.

Representatives may request access to inspect public exhibits by contacting the Commission's media liaison.

Representatives are only permitted to use this evidence for the public reporting of the proceedings of the Commission.

Counsel Assisting the Commission may indicate that any part of the contents of any exhibit are unsuitable for publication and cannot be published without leave of the Commission.

Leave may be sought to inspect any such restricted exhibit in certain circumstances – for example, if there is a restriction which is believed to obstruct proper reporting of any matter of significance.

Any application for leave should be made in writing, in the first instance to the Solicitor to the Commission on legal@integrity.act.gov.au

Live Streaming

A live stream of the examination will be made available on the Commission's website once the examination commences.

The Commission may suspend or mute the live stream as required, including:

- a) when the Commission has exercised its power to exclude the public from a hearing,
- b) where a relevant suppression order is in place, or
- c) for the welfare of witnesses or other people.

Contacts

Any further questions in relation to public examinations or the information for media representatives should be directed to the Commission's media liaison:

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