



Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption

Media Guidelines

The Royal Commission into Trade Union Governance and Corruption (the Commission) recognises that the media has an important role to play in reporting on its work.

Hearings

The Commission will be conducting a number of public hearings. Information will be published in advance on the Commission's website and the media will be notified of dates and witness lists as soon as possible after details are finalised.

Hearing dates and locations, witness lists, names of parties authorised to appear will be released publicly as soon as possible after they are confirmed. Hearings will generally take place between 10am-4pm on listed days. The lunch recess will take place between 1.00pm-2.00pm.

Live Streaming

Live streaming of proceedings will be made available through a webcast from the Commission's website http://www.tradeunionroyalcommission.gov.au. The website will be in high definition from our Sydney hearing room.

Media Facilities

Where possible, the Commission will provide a dedicated media room to assist reporters covering public hearings in person. Facilities will usually include TV monitors showing a live broadcast of proceedings, high definition outputs for TV media, audio outputs for radio media and a live transcription service. Copies of the Media Guidelines and other material relevant to media coverage will be made available to reporters in the room. Please note that electronic media are not permitted inside hearing rooms with equipment at any time.

Media Sign-in

All media attending a public inquiry must sign in at reception or the Media Room each day they attend the inquiry and should show their media credentials 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The Commission has powers to direct that any evidence not be published.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. It is the responsibility of the media to comply with any non-publication orders which will be published on the Commission's website.

Recording and Filming

The Royal Commission may grant permission for the media to:

- Record the Commissioner's Opening Statement during the commencement of a hearing.
- Record an Opening Address by Counsel Assisting at a public hearing;



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 Undertake 'stand-ups' in a dedicated room with the prior permission of the Director, Media and Communications, but without members of the public or witnesses in attendance.

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

- the hearing room (except under approved pool arrangements);
- the public gallery or witness box within the hearing room;
- · the Commission's reception and lift foyer; or
- any lifts or the ground floor lobby of the building in which the Commission is conducting a hearing.

Please note that under the Court Security Act (2013), cameras and recording equipment are strictly prohibited on Level 5 of 55 Market Street, Sydney. Mobile phones, tablets and other devices must be switched off or placed on silent while in the hearing room.

Pool media

Where the Commissioner has consented to recording an opening address, a pool camera and photographer will be allowed into the hearing room on the condition that the material is also made available to other news media and the Commission if required. Media will be alerted of any arrangements prior to a hearing.

Transcripts and Exhibits

Transcripts of the Commission's public hearings will be made available on the Commission's website as soon as possible. The transcript will be edited to reflect any relevant non-publication orders. Exhibits not subject to non-publication orders will be uploaded to the Commission's website as soon as possible and can be accessed on the Hearings page. Documents may be redacted or partially redacted for legal or privacy reasons.

Access to Evidence

Media present may inspect and ask for a copy of exhibits that have been tendered once the material is made 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 Commission; and
- that anything subject to a non-publication order is not published.

Interviews

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

Contact

If you have any questions, please call the Director, Media and Communication on 0477 744 757 or email; maguation in the description of the descrip