

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO EXAMINE DNA PROJECT 13 CONCERNS

Media protocols

1. The Commission of Inquiry to examine DNA Project 13 concerns (Commission of Inquiry) recognises the media has an important role to play in informing the community about this subsequent Inquiry.
2. These guidelines provide details of the arrangements for media access and reporting at hearings. The Commission of Inquiry may vary or depart from these guidelines.

Hearings

3. The Inquiry's hearings will generally be open to the public and live streamed via its website.
4. Hearings will be conducted in court buildings, as indicated in the hearing schedule. As per the established protocols, the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council ['Court reporting for journalists'](#) should be observed.
5. Representatives of media organisations attending hearings must ensure their work does not interrupt the proceedings.

Use of electronic devices

6. During hearings, representatives of news media organisations are free to use electronic devices for the purposes of reporting on proceedings, subject to the conditions below. This includes laptop computers, tablets and mobile telephones, used for notetaking, text messaging, tweeting, and filing or publishing reports from the hearing room.
7. Electronic devices used by media representatives during hearings:
 - must not interfere with the decorum of proceedings or with the recording system;
 - must not be used to make or receive audio or video calls, or to take photographs or video footage.

Live streaming

8. Hearings will be live streamed through the Inquiry's website.
9. Live streaming is provided on condition that it not be recorded, rebroadcast, published or shared in any form. Due to the nature of the content being presented, footage and audio from the hearings cannot be broadcast.
10. The Commissioner has power to direct that evidence not be published, if she is satisfied it is proper to make that direction. In that event, the livestream may be muted or suspended by order of the Commissioner.

Filming, recording and photography

11. Media representatives must not film or photograph the proceedings.

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12. Media representatives may record audio of the proceedings to ensure accurate coverage. This audio cannot be broadcast.

For journalists covering hearings

Where possible, a media room will be accessible for the duration of the hearings.

13. If the livestream is suspended, the media must comply with any directions made by the Commissioner.

14. Contact with witnesses, legal representatives or members of the public will not be facilitated by the Commission of Inquiry.

Media relations contact

For media enquiries, please contact media@dnaproject13inquiry.qld.gov.au.