



NEW SOUTH WALES

*Casino Control Act 1992 (NSW)*  
*Royal Commissions Act 1923 (NSW)*

INQUIRY UNDER SECTION 143 OF THE CASINO CONTROL ACT 1992 (NSW)

### **ANNOUNCEMENT IN RESPECT OF FURTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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As a result of the recent reports and impacts of COVID-19 and in alignment with changes that have been advised by the Commonwealth and State Governments to minimise activity and interaction between members of the community, it is with regret that the public hearings of the Inquiry will be deferred to a date to be fixed.

In making this decision the health and welfare of the members of both the legal and broader community is the paramount consideration.

It is recognised that the corporations the subject of the Terms of Reference are urgently implementing changes to their business operations to deal with the impact of the virus and that such work must take priority.

It is also recognised that the law firms and counsel representing those corporations are also making urgent changes to their work modalities to protect themselves and their staff which must take priority.

The same adjustments and protections must be implemented for those conducting and assisting the Inquiry.

Notwithstanding the previously notified arrangements for electronic hearings and remote access, it is not practicable to accommodate these priorities at this time. However the work of the Inquiry, except for the public hearings, will continue utilising remote work practices.

The Commissioner and those assisting the Commissioner are grateful for the professional and courteous co-operation from all interested parties and their legal representatives involved in the Inquiry.

Further notifications will be provided as soon as possible.