



NEW SOUTH WALES

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

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

RESUMED PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE INQUIRY

Consequent upon the judgment of the New South Wales Court of Appeal delivered on 12 March 2020¹ the public hearings of the Inquiry that were adjourned on 27 February 2020 will resume at 10am on Wednesday 18 March 2020. It is anticipated that the balance of this set of hearings will continue each day and conclude by the end of the week commencing 23 March 2020.

The Commissioner and those assisting the Commissioner are carefully monitoring the announcements and health advice of the Commonwealth and State Governments in respect of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The approach adopted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales to its sitting procedures in an endeavour to minimise the spread of the virus and contain its effects is acknowledged as helpful guidance for the Inquiry.

Arrangements

It is intended that the resumed public hearings will be conducted electronically to minimise the need to attend the Inquiry premises. That means that all available technology, including video-linkage, teleconferencing and live-streaming will be deployed.

Hearing Room

Public hearings will be conducted from the Hearing Room at the Inquiry premises.

The hearing room has been reconfigured to ensure that there is capacity to have plenty of space between members of the profession at the Bar Tables.

The Inquiry premises will be deep cleaned prior to the resumption of the public hearings.

Witnesses

It is intended to take evidence from witnesses in the resumed public hearings by video-link.

Members of the Profession

Counsel Assisting will be present in the Hearing Room during the public hearings.

¹ *Attorney General for New South Wales v Melco Resorts & Entertainment Limited* [2020] NSWCA 40

Members of the profession who are authorised to appear at the Inquiry may attend the Inquiry in person in the Hearing Room. However members of the profession who wish to attend the hearings remotely may request to do so by arrangement with those assisting the Inquiry.

Public viewing

All public hearings are to be live streamed on the Inquiry website and may be viewed at www.nswcasinoinquiry.com on desktop computers, laptops, iPads, iPhones and other devices.

Media

Should members of the Media wish to attend the designated Media Room at the Inquiry premises rather than viewing the public hearings remotely via live streaming at www.nswcasinoinquiry.com they should advise the Senior Solicitor assisting the Inquiry and arrangements for access will be made.

Witnesses to be called on 18 and 19 March 2020

The first witnesses to be called at the resumed public hearings are as follows:

18 March 2020	Mr Peter Cohen	Director, Regulatory Affairs, The Agenda Group
	Mr Joshua Preston	Crown Resorts Limited
19 March 2020	Mr Joshua Preston	Crown Resorts Limited

A daily list of witnesses will be published on this webpage the previous evening.

Future Arrangements

As circumstances change and other needs evolve the Inquiry will respond as quickly as possible and adjust its processes to those changes.

Announcements of any such adjustments will be made on this webpage.