

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNDERCOVER POLICING INQUIRY

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Supplementary Submissions on behalf of the Slater and Gordon Clients on matters relating to the efficient and effective running of the Tranche 1 Phase 2 evidence hearings

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1. On 7 December 2020 the Chairman issued a Note in relation to the Directions Hearing to be heard on 26 January 2021. The Chairman directed that any submissions must be provided to the Inquiry no later than 16.00 on Friday 8 January. Further, he directed that any supplemental submissions or those made in response must be provided no later than 16.00 on Friday 15 January. The latter date was extended to 16.00 on Wednesday 20 January.
2. The Inquiry has published the submissions received. At the time of writing no submissions have been published from the NPNSCP. The Slater and Gordon Clients reserve the right to be able to respond to any such submission, whenever they are submitted and published.
3. In accordance with the Chairman's Note of 7 December, the Slater & Gordon clients made submissions dated 7 January. Those submissions are maintained.
4. It is a fundamental principle of fairness that Core Participants and their Legal Representatives are treated equally. The Chairman considered a number of submissions from Core Participants for a live feed into their homes in respect of the T1 hearings. Those submissions included submissions from Core Participants directly relevant to the Slater and Gordon clients [eg Rosa, Ellie and Wendy, Jessica and Donna McLean].
5. In stark contrast to the way in which the Inquiry dealt with the application for Restrictions Orders, no submissions were invited from the Core Participants who had a direct interest in the outcome of such applications.
6. Should any such applications be made in the future, the outcome of which has a direct impact on a Slater and Gordon client, Slater and Gordon should be informed of the application and invited to make submissions. Slater and Gordon should be provided with as much information as possible about the application. This is not an attempt to obtain personal information about the Core Participant making the application that should not be shared with a Slater and Gordon client.
7. Further, if any application is made in the future, the outcome of which may have an indirect impact on the Slater and Gordon client, because, for example the principle(s) relied on will have an impact on future decisions to be made by the Chairman, Slater and Gordon should be provided with as much information as possible about the application and invited to make submissions.