

Inquest into the deaths arising from the Lindt Café siege

Ruling re submission timetable and access restrictions

1. Counsel Assisting and each of those granted leave to appear have indicated an interest in making written submissions as to the findings and recommendations I should make in this inquest. The order below sets out a timetable for the provision of those submissions.
 - a) Counsel Assisting shall complete their submissions by **Friday 23 September 2016**.
 - b) Prior to them being circulated to the parties, the submissions will be provided to the Commonwealth and the Commissioner of Police (as represented by the Crown Solicitor's Office), to enable them to check that no material covered by public interest immunity ("PII") has been inadvertently included. Their submissions may be progressively provided in segments.
 - c) The Commonwealth and the Commissioner of Police will notify the Court of any PII related concerns within one week of receipt of any of Counsel Assistings' submissions (the last expected date being **Friday 30 September 2016**).
 - d) The families will provide their submissions within five weeks of receiving Counsel Assistings' last submission (the last expected date being **Friday 4 November 2016**).
 - e) Submissions on behalf of the Commissioner of Police (including the New South Wales Police Force), the Commonwealth, Officers A and B, and Dr Diamond, will be provided within five weeks of the receipt of the families' submissions (the last expected date being **Friday 9 December 2016**).
 - f) Any party wishing to make submissions in reply must do so no more than two weeks after the receipt of the submissions they relate to (the last expected date being **Friday 23 December 2016**).
2. I am of the opinion that it is in the public interest that none of the submissions be published before the inquest findings are published. Accordingly, pursuant to s74(1)(b) of the Coroners Act 2009 (NSW) ("**Act**") I order that the submissions not be published until two clear days after the findings are handed down.
3. Further, pursuant to s65(2) and(4) of the Act I direct that no copies of any of the submissions referred to above be provided to any person other than those assisting me and the parties granted leave to appear, until the expiration of the non-publication order referred to in order 2.



M A Barnes
State Coroner

7 September 2016