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PERTH CASINO ROYAL COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING - DAY 14

10.00 AM FRIDAY, 25 JUNE 2021

COMMISSIONER N J OWEN

COMMISSIONER C F JENKINS

COMMISSIONER C MURPHY

HEARING ROOM 3

MR DAVID LEIGH as Counsel Assisting the Perth Casino Royal Commission

MR NICK MALONE as Counsel for Mr Michael Christopher Connolly

MR PAUL D. EVANS appeared for Gaming and Wagering Commission of Western Australia

MR KEAHN SARDINHA and MR JOSHUA BERSONS appeared for The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

MR JESSIE WINTON appeared for Crown Resorts Ltd; Burswood Limited; Burswood Nominees Limited; Burswood Resort (Management) Limited; Crown Sydney Gaming Pty Ltd; Southbank Investments Pty Ltd; Riverbank Investments Pty Ltd and Crown Melbourne Limited

THE HON MR OWEN: Good morning. Please be seated. This will be a short hearing. Mr Leigh, would you like to lead off?

5 MR LEIGH: Thank you, Commissioner. This morning I seek to tender a number of documents in two different categories. The first category comprises those documents which are either documents attached to the witness statements of those witnesses who were examined by the Commission in May or a document shown to witnesses in the course of their examination but were not tendered at the time of that examination.

10 The second category comprises those documents which it is presently anticipated will be referred to in the interim report that the Commission is required by its Terms of Reference to submit to the Governor by 30 June 2021, and are not already contained in the first set of documents.

15 The Solicitors Assisting the Commission have prepared lists, setting out each of the individual documents in those two categories. The list which sets out the documents in the first category has been uploaded to the Commission's document management system as PCRC.0003.0001.0001. The list which sets out the documents in the second category has been uploaded as PCRC.0003.0001.0006. I hand up a copy of each of those lists for the Commission.

20 Prior to this morning's hearings, copies of those lists of documents, other than those documents which are publicly available documents, have been provided to the parties for comment. I understand that no interested party objects to the tender of any of those documents in either the first or second categories.

25 I now seek to tender each of the lists and request the Commission order that each of the documents in the lists be received into evidence.

30 THE HON MR OWEN: Thank you. That will be a convenient way of proceeding. The document PCRC.0003.0001.0001, and the document PCRC.0003.0001.0006 will be admitted into evidence as exhibits. Each of the documents mentioned in those lists will be admitted into evidence as exhibits, thank you.

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EXHIBIT #PCRC.0003.0001.0001 - LIST OF DOCUMENTS ATTACHED TO STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES OR SHOWN TO WITNESSES EXAMINED BY THE COMMISSION IN MAY 2021

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EXHIBIT #PCRC.0003.0001.0006 - LIST OF DOCUMENTS ANTICIPATED TO BE REFERRED TO IN INTERIM REPORT OF THE COMMISSION, SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR BY 30 JUNE 2021

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THE HON MR OWEN: Now, I would ask Commissioner Murphy to say a few words.

MR MURPHY: Thank you very much, Commissioner.

5 During the course of our inquiries it has been necessary to examine resourcing of the
Gaming and Wagering Commission, or the GWC, and a number of issues concerning
the financial relationship between the GWC and the Department. From June 2007 to
May 2018, I was the Auditor-General for WA with responsibility for the external
audit of both the GWC and the Department. I have considered in some detail
10 whether there is any conflict arising from my earlier role that would impact the work
of the Royal Commission and am of the view that no conflict arises.

15 Nevertheless, I would like to acknowledge this former role, to confirm that I have
given serious consideration to any potential conflict and confirm that my former role
will not in any way inhibit our inquiries into the GWC and the Department. No
witness or party should feel inhibited, because of my former role, from giving or
adducing evidence or making submissions about relevant audits, even if the evidence
or submissions are critical of the audits.

20 THE HON MR OWEN: Thank you, Commissioner Murphy.

The process from here will be to move into what are the suitability aspects of the
Terms of Reference in paragraphs 1 to 7 of the Commission and to delve further into
the regulatory framework aspects of the Terms of Reference in terms of paragraphs 8
to 11. We currently anticipate that we will resume on Friday, 16 July for an opening
25 statement or opening statements and then in the week commencing 19 July we will
resume the hearing of evidence from witnesses.

30 As soon as we are able, we will publish on the Commission's website a statement
giving more details as to those proposals. But at the moment, I think that concludes
all we want to do today, unless any party has something they wish to raise? No.
Thank you. We'll adjourn to a date to be fixed, most likely 16 July.

ADJOURNED AT 10.04 AM TO A DATE TO BE FIXED

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