



PERTH CASINO ROYAL COMMISSION

111 St Georges Terrace,
PERTH WA 6000

PRACTICE DIRECTION 9 DISCUSSION PAPERS, CLOSING OBSERVATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES' WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS 17 December 2021

INTRODUCTION

1. This Practice Direction relates to the conduct of the Royal Commission into the affairs of Crown Casino Perth and related matters (**PCRC**).
2. This Practice Direction should be read in conjunction with the *Royal Commissions Act 1968* (WA) (**Act**) and the Commission issued under the Public Seal of the State of Western Australia establishing the Royal Commission on 5 March 2021, including the terms of appointment (**Terms of Reference**).¹
3. This Practice Direction may be varied or replaced at any time. The PCRC may depart from this Practice Direction if it considers it appropriate to do so.
4. This Practice Direction gives guidance about the programme for the provision of discussion papers, closing observations and the interested parties' written submissions.

DISCUSSION PAPERS

5. The PCRC will produce three more discussion papers.
6. These discussion papers will be provided to the interested parties only and will be the subject of a non-publication order.
7. The discussion papers will cover electronic gaming machines, corporate governance theory and potential recommendations in the area of corporate governance.
8. The discussion papers do not express any final or concluded views.
9. The interested parties may include a response to the discussion papers in their written submissions.

CLOSING OBSERVATIONS AND WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS

10. On 17 December 2021 the PCRC provided closing observations to the interested parties that included notice of any relevant issues and potentially adverse material.
11. By 20 January 2022 interested parties may provide written submissions responding to the PCRC's closing observations that are relevant to them. Written submissions may include any other submissions they consider relevant for the Commissioners'

¹ The Terms of Reference are the terms of appointment set out in paragraph (a) of 'Operative Part' of the Commission issued under the Public Seal of the State of Western Australia establishing the Royal Commission on 5 March 2021 and are available here <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/perth-casino-royal-commission-terms-of-reference>

considerations. In determining relevance, the interested parties should take into account issues raised in the evidence (including exhibits), comments made by the Commissioners during hearings and all publications of the PCRC.

12. By 27 January 2022 the interested parties may provide written submissions responding to the written submissions of any other interested party.
13. The written submissions should be sent to the solicitors assisting the PCRC by email to solicitorsassisting@pcrc.wa.gov.au.
14. The PCRC proposes to provide the interested parties' written submissions to all other interested parties. If a party does not wish the submissions to go to any particular party, they should give notice to the PCRC by email to solicitorsassisting@pcrc.wa.gov.au and the request will be considered.

NON-PUBLICATION ORDER

15. The PCRC will not publish its closing observations.
16. The PCRC has made a non-publication order (**NPO**) in respect of its closing observations.
17. The parties may apply for an NPO in respect of any part of their written submissions at the time the written submissions are provided to the PCRC.
18. Interested parties are required to provide two versions of any written submissions that are the subject of an NPO application: one unredacted version and one redacted version with the parts the subject of the NPO application obscured.

ORAL CLOSING SUBMISSIONS

19. The interested parties will be advised of the programme for oral closing presentations, if any, after the interested parties' responsive written submissions have been provided to the PCRC.

FINAL REPORT

20. The Final Report will be delivered to the Governor on or before 4 March 2022.