

# Grantham Floods Commission of Inquiry

## Media Guidelines

The Grantham Floods Commission of Inquiry (the Commission) recognises that the media has an important role to play in reporting on the work of the Commission.

### Hearings

The Commission is conducting public hearings at the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre at 34 Lake Apex Drive in Gatton, commencing on Monday 20 July 2015 and continuing over a five-week period to 21 August 2015.

Witness lists and other relevant information will be released publicly as soon as possible after they have been confirmed.

Hearings will generally take place between 10am–4.30pm for the duration of the hearings. The lunch recess will take place between 1pm–2.30pm.

### Live Streaming

Live streaming of proceedings will be made available through a webcast on the Commission's website [www.granthaminquiry.qld.gov.au](http://www.granthaminquiry.qld.gov.au). The livestream is not to be recorded or rebroadcast.

### Media Facilities

The Commission will provide a media space for reporters covering public hearings in person.

### Media Sign-in

All media attending the hearings are asked to make themselves known to Commission staff or at the media space on arrival at the hearings each day.

### Non-publication orders

The Commission has powers to direct that any evidence not be published. A non-publication order may be made, varied and/or lifted during the hearing. It is the responsibility of the media to comply with any non-publication orders which will be published on the Commission's website.

### Recording and filming

The Commission does not permit filming (including sound recording) or still photography of:

- the hearing room (except under approved pool arrangements)
- the public gallery or witness box within the hearing room.

The Commission may grant permission for the media to film or record parts of the hearing.

### Pool media

Where the Commissioner has consented to recording, a pool camera and photographer will be allowed into the hearing room on the condition that the material is also made available to other news media and the Commission if required. Media will be alerted of any arrangements prior to the hearing.

### Transcripts and exhibits

Transcripts of the Commission's public hearings will be made available on the Commission's website as soon as possible. The transcript will be edited to reflect any relevant non-publication orders. Exhibits not subject to non-publication orders will be uploaded to the Commission's website as soon as possible and can be accessed on the Public Hearings page. Documents may be redacted or partially redacted for legal or privacy reasons.

### Access to Evidence

Media present may inspect and ask for a copy of exhibits that have been entered into evidence, subject to the conditions that:

- it not be used or permitted to be used for any purpose other than the public reporting of the proceedings of the Commission; and
- that anything subject to a non-publication order is not published.

### Contact

If you have any questions, please call the Communication Officer (media) on 0438 993 271 or email [media@granthaminquiry.qld.gov.au](mailto:media@granthaminquiry.qld.gov.au).