

PRACTICE GUIDELINE No.1

General Matters

Part A - Introductory matters

1. This Practice Guideline relates to the conduct of the Commission of Inquiry into the CFMEU and Misconduct in the Construction Industry (**Inquiry**). It should be read in conjunction with the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950* (Qld) (**Act**) and the Terms of Reference (**TOR**) contained in the *Commissions of Inquiry Order (No. 2) 2025* made 1 August 2025 (**Order**).
2. This Practice Guideline sets out general guidance about the procedures the Inquiry will follow relating to the conduct of the Inquiry. Further practice guidelines may be published in due course.
3. This Practice Guideline and any future practice guidelines may at any time be varied, changed or replaced. The Commissioner may, at any time, dispense with compliance with this Practice Guideline if he considers it appropriate to do so, subject to the Act and the Order.

Part B – Making submissions or providing information to the Inquiry

4. The Inquiry may receive submissions or information from persons and entities that are relevant to any of the matters contained in the TOR.
5. From time to time, the Inquiry may call for submissions or information on particular aspects of the TOR.
6. Those who wish to provide submissions or information relevant to the Inquiry's TOR should, in the first instance, contact the Inquiry through its online submission form, which can be accessed at www.cfmeuinquiry.qld.gov.au.
7. If you require assistance or are unable to use the online form, please email info@cfmeuinquiry.qld.gov.au to make alternative arrangements.
8. Further information, such as the intended closing date for written submissions, and the treatment of submission information by the Inquiry, will be available on the Inquiry's website in due course.

Part C - Communicating with the Inquiry

9. All general enquiries regarding the Inquiry should be made by email to info@cfmeuinquiry.qld.gov.au.
10. The Inquiry will assume that all written communications from the Inquiry to another person may be directed to the email address or postal address from which that person's communication to the Inquiry was received, unless that person has specified another email address or postal address as their contact.

Part D - Hearings

11. One of the ways that the Inquiry may progress its work is through public hearings, in such a manner and in such locations as determined by the Commissioner.
12. As the Inquiry determines its program of public hearings, details of scheduled public hearings will be published on its website and in the media.
13. While the Inquiry's usual position will be to conduct hearings in public, there may be circumstances that will require it to conduct closed hearings.
14. Any transcripts of any public hearing will be placed on the Inquiry's website as soon as possible after they become available, subject to any order of the Commissioner to the contrary. Transcripts of closed hearings will not be made available.

Part E – Leave to appear

15. Applications by interested parties for leave to appear should be made in accordance with *Practice Guideline No. 3 – Leave to Appear*.

Part F – Other

16. Nothing in this Practice Guideline should be taken as limiting the Commissioner's powers under the Act, Order or TOR.

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Commissioner

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