

QUEENSLAND PUBLIC HOSPITALS *COMMISSION OF INQUIRY*

Ruling No. 1 – 8 September 2005

Broadcasting of Public Sittings of the Commission of Inquiry

1. Except as provided below, audio and video recording of proceedings at the Commission's public sittings in Brisbane and the taking of still photographs are permitted in accordance with the conditions set out in this ruling and in accordance with arrangements to be approved by the Secretary to the Commission.
2. A witness giving evidence solely in the capacity of a patient who received medical treatment from Dr Patel or otherwise at Bundaberg Base Hospital or another hospital, or in the capacity of a member of such a patient's family, must not be filmed or photographed either within the Inquiry hearing room or in the precincts thereof, and the evidence of such a witness must not be recorded for the purpose of broadcasting without the consent of the witness.
3. Any other witness may apply to the Commission for a similar order to be made in respect of that witness.
4. If a witness is filmed or photographed or the evidence of the witness is recorded in contravention of these orders, the film, photograph or recording must not be broadcast or otherwise published.

Hon Geoffrey Davies AO

Commissioner

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