



BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO THE COVID-19 HOTEL QUARANTINE PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR A PROHIBITED PUBLICATION ORDER

BACKGROUND

1. The Board of Inquiry (**Board**) has received a written application (**Application**) by the Department of Health and Human Services dated 11 November 2020 for orders prohibiting publication of:
 - a. DHS.0001.0124.1788 and DHS.0001.0124.1833; and
 - b. the content of those documents as they appear in DHS.9999.0031.0001.
(together, **Evidence**).
2. The Evidence was provided to the Board for the purposes of the Board's Inquiry.
3. Having regard to the Application and section 73(2)(a), (b) and (e) of the *Inquiries Act 2014*, the Board finds that:
 - a. prejudice or hardship, including harm to reputation, might be caused to persons by publication of the Evidence;
 - b. the nature and subject matter of the information contained in the Evidence is sensitive; and
 - c. it is otherwise appropriate to prohibit publication of the Evidence as set out in this Order.
4. The Board has accordingly determined to grant the Application.
5. Notwithstanding the decision to grant the Application, the Board considers it appropriate that Parties with Leave to Appear be provided with the Evidence, and has determined that the Evidence may be disclosed by the Board's staff (including Counsel Assisting) for this limited purpose.

ORDER

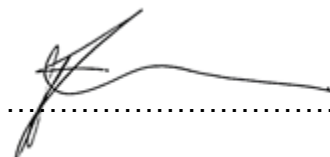
1. Pursuant to section 73 of the *Inquiries Act 2014*, publication of the Evidence, and information contained therein, is prohibited except for the limited purpose



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of the Board's staff (including Counsel Assisting) providing the Evidence to Parties with Leave to Appear.

Dated this 16th day of November 2020



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The Honourable Jennifer Coate AO

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