



**COVID-19  
Hotel Quarantine Inquiry**

No. ORD-0045

**BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO THE COVID-19 HOTEL QUARANTINE PROGRAM**

**INTERIM RESTRICTED PUBLICATION ORDER**

**BACKGROUND**

1. The following telephone call logs have been produced to the Board of Inquiry into the COVID-19 Hotel Quarantine Program (**Board**):
  - a. Call logs of Kate Houghton, Deputy Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet: HQI.0001.0059.0001;
  - b. Call logs of Chris Eccles, former Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet: HQI.0001.0060.0001;
  - c. Call logs of Tim Ada, Deputy Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet: HQI.0001.0061.0001;
  - d. Call logs of Lissie Ratcliffe, Chief of Staff, Office of the Premier: HQI.0001.0063.0001;
  - e. Call logs of Senior Policy Adviser, Office of the Premier: HQI.0001.0064.0001;
  - f. Call logs of Cameron Harrison, Director of Policy, Office of the Premier: HQI.0001.0065.0001;
  - g. Call logs of the Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria: HQI.0001.0066.0001;
  - h. Call logs of Graham Ashton, former Chief Commissioner of Police: TELS.0001.0001.0006.  
**(Telephone Logs)**
2. The Board has reviewed the Telephone Logs with reference to the question of how the decision to engage private security contractors in the Hotel Quarantine Program came to be made (**Relevant Matter**), and has identified telephone call records within the Telephone Logs it considers to be relevant or potentially relevant to the Relevant Matter.
3. The Board has requested and obtained the following evidence relating to relevant or potentially relevant telephone call records as they relate to the Relevant Matter:
  - a. Affidavit of Chris Eccles: DPC.0017.0003.0001;
  - b. Signed letter from Lissie Ratcliffe: HQI.0001.0067.0001;
  - c. Affidavit of Premier Andrews: PREM.0001.0001.0047;



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- d. Affidavit of Graham Ashton, former Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police:  
VPOL.0027.0001.0064;
- e. Affidavit of the Hon. Lisa Neville MP, Minister for Police and Emergency Services:  
LMN.0002.0001.0001;
- f. Affidavit of Simon Phemister, Secretary, Department of Jobs, Precincts and  
Regions: DJP.050.001.0040.

### (Supplementary Evidence)

4. The Board:
  - a. presently does not consider that telephone call records contained in the Telephone Logs, other than the telephone call records which are referred to in the Supplementary Evidence, are relevant to or will assist in its consideration of the Relevant Matter;
  - b. is satisfied that the Telephone Logs contain other telephone call records that will not assist the Board in its consideration of the Relevant Matter;
  - c. is satisfied that publication of the balance of the Telephone Logs may cause hardship to those involved in the telephone calls to which those records relate, including harm to their safety;
  - d. is satisfied that the nature and subject matter of those other telephone call records is sensitive; and
  - e. otherwise considers it appropriate to restrict publication of the Telephone Logs as specified in this Interim Order.
5. The Board has provided the Telephone Logs to Parties with Leave to Appear for the purpose of making:
  - a. further submissions on the Relevant Matter; and
  - b. any submissions Parties with Leave to Appear may wish to make in respect of this Interim Order.(together, **Relevant Submissions**)
6. This Interim Order does not prevent:
  - a. publication of those parts of the Supplementary Evidence that refer to telephone call records contained in the Telephone Logs;



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- b. Parties with Leave to Appear from referring to the Telephone Logs, or the telephone call records contained within the Telephone Logs, in Relevant Submissions;
  - c. The Board or its staff (including Counsel Assisting) from referring to the Telephone Logs, or the telephone call records contained within the Telephone Logs, for the purposes of the Board's Inquiry.
7. The Board will consider the need for further Orders regarding the matters set out in this Interim Order upon receipt of the Relevant Submissions.

**INTERIM ORDER**

1. Pursuant to section 73 of the *Inquiries Act 2014*, publication of the Telephone Logs and any information contained therein is prohibited, except:
- a. as contained in the Supplementary Evidence;
  - b. for the purposes of Parties with Leave to Appear making Relevant Submissions;
  - c. by the Board or its staff (including Counsel Assisting) for the purposes of the Board's Inquiry.
2. This Interim Order is subject to any further orders the Board may make.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020

**The Honourable Jennifer Coate AO**  
**Board of Inquiry into the COVID-19 Hotel Quarantine Program**