



**QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION  
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**

**PROCEDURAL GUIDELINE 04-2012**

**Publication**

1. Unless otherwise ordered, evidence produced to the Commission will not be published before the hearing date.
2. The following ruling applies to all oral and documentary evidence given at the Commission until further notice:
  - (a) the testimony of any witness before the commission may be published unless an order is made prohibiting the publication of particular evidence;
  - (b) any lawyer or other person with leave to appear before the Commission may - with the consent of Counsel Assisting or, otherwise, with the Commissioner's prior permission - inspect and take extracts from any book, document or writing tendered in evidence for the purpose only of appearance before the Commission.
  - (c) for the purpose of and the extent necessary for the public reporting of proceedings of the Commission any authorised representative of a newspaper, magazine, radio station, online publication or television channel may inspect and take extracts from any book, document or writing tendered in evidence after it has been notified as available for inspection by Counsel Assisting subject to the condition that:
    - i. it is not to be used or permitted to be used for any purpose other than the public reporting of the proceedings of the Commission;
    - ii. any part of the contents thereof indicated by Counsel Assisting as unsuitable for publication must not be published without the leave of the Commission itself. Such leave can be sought, for example, if there is a restriction which is believed to obstruct proper reporting of any matter of significance. Any application for leave should be made in writing in the first instance to the Executive Director of the Commission;
  - (d) no other person may take or obtain a copy of any book, document or writing tended in evidence before the Commission except by leave and then only subject to the condition that it is not to be used or be permitted to be used except for the purpose of appearance before the Commission.

Any application for leave to obtain a copy of an exhibit should be made in writing to the Executive Director.

### **Non publication**

3. Orders suppressing the name of a witness, any identifying information or the description and contents of a document or item produced at or to the Commission may be made on application if needed to protect safety, reputation, fairness or privacy rights, or some other sufficient reason, such as, for example, investigative integrity or effectiveness.

### **Variations**

4. This guideline maybe subject to variation, change or replacement without notice at any time.