

## **Inquiry into the convictions of the Croatian Six**

### **ORDERS**

1. Counsel Assisting will call each witness who is to give evidence before the Inquiry and will determine the order in which the witnesses are to be called. A proposed witness list in respect of the first hearing block (see order 6 below) will be circulated to the parties by 30 October 2023.
2. The usual procedure will be that a witness statement or expert report is prepared, tendered and adopted by the witness who will then be examined, with the exception of witnesses who gave evidence at the trial of the Croatian Six. In respect of those witnesses, the usual process will be that the witness is to indicate whether they affirm their evidence given at trial and whether they wish to prepare a witness statement.
3. Counsel Assisting will serve on the parties a list of any further evidence proposed to be tendered in the first hearing block by 30 October 2023.
4. If a party wishes to place written evidence before the Inquiry for the first hearing block, that evidence should be provided to the Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry by 6 November 2023. Counsel Assisting will indicate by 10 November 2023 if it proposes to tender that evidence, and if not, any party may provide a written application to the Solicitor Assisting by 17 November 2023, for consideration by R A Hulme AJ.
5. If a party wishes to have a witness called to give oral evidence before the Inquiry, a written application must be provided to the Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry by 17 November 2023. Counsel Assisting will indicate by 24 November 2023 if it proposes to add that person to the witness list, and if not, any party may provide a written application to Solicitor Assisting by 29 November 2023, for consideration by R A Hulme AJ.
6. The first hearing block in the Inquiry will commence on 4 December 2023 with an estimate of one week.

7. The second hearing block in the Inquiry will commence on 25 March 2024, with an estimate of 1-2 weeks.

**SUBMISSIONS AS TO SCOPE OR FOCUS OF INQUIRY**

8. Parties are to make any further submissions as to the focus or scope of the Inquiry by 22 September 2023.

17 August 2023