



**ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES
FOLLOWED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA INTO OBTAINING
THE OFF-SHORE LOAN FROM THE UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND AND
RELATED TRANSACTIONS**

**Press Statement
(No.17 of 2021)**

Further to the public statement issued by the Chief Commissioner on 16 February 2021, confirming the appointment of Commissioner the Honourable Margaret White AO and Counsel Assisting the Commission, the Commissioners today announced as follows:

Hearing

1. The full Commission will sit to open its public hearing phase on **Tuesday, 30 March 2021 at 10.00 am** at *APEC Haus*, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea and by video-link in Australia.
2. The Commissioners and Senior Counsel Assisting (Dr James Renwick CSC SC) will make opening statements.

Media & Public Attendance

3. The Hearings will be open to the public and the media, subject to the then COVID requirements.
4. Audio and video recording and transmission and the use of cameras and other equipment to take photographs will be permitted in the hearing room.
5. Copies of the Statement to be delivered by the Commission and Counsel Assisting will be provided to those members of the media in attendance on 30 March 2021 and published on the Commission website following the hearing.

DATED this 29th day of **March** 2021.


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Chief Sir Salamo Injia Kt GCL
Chief Commissioner and Chairman of Inquiry
Dated: 29 March 2021




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The Honourable Margaret White AO
Commissioner
Dated: 29 March 2021

