



**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 MEDIA RELEASE ON THE
FUTURE CONDUCT OF THE INQUIRY**

PRESS STATEMENT 19 OF 2021, TUESDAY 6 JULY 2021

Further to the public statement issued by the Commission of Inquiry on 6 April 2021 announcing an updated roadmap for the future conduct and prompt completion of the Inquiry, the Commissioners today announced as follows:

Due to more time required by the Commission to secure evidence from overseas sources, and due to extensive problems caused in both the Independent State and the Commonwealth of Australia by COVID-19, the hearings due to commence on 12 July are adjourned by a fortnight. The one exception is that expert evidence will be adduced from the Brattle Group on 15 July. The hearings will now commence on 26 July and conclude no later than 13 August with final oral submissions by Counsel Assisting to follow.

Potentially affected individuals and entities will, as previously advised, have until the end of August to lodge any written submissions in response, and the Commission will submit its report by 30 September 2021. A new list of times for witnesses will be posted shortly and witnesses individually notified. Interested persons should continue to monitor the COI website for developments.

DATED this 6th day of July 2021.


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Chief Sir Salamo Injia Kt GCL
Chief Commissioner and Chairman of Inquiry




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The Honourable Margaret White AO
Commissioner

