

Media Release: Commencement of public hearings and reopening of public submissions - independent Commission of Inquiry into forensic DNA testing in Queensland

Today Commissioner Walter Sofronoff KC confirmed that public hearings for the Commission of Inquiry into forensic DNA testing in Queensland will commence on Monday 26 September 2022.

“The first module of public hearings will consider the thresholds that were the subject of my interim report.”

Mr Sofronoff also stated “I have once more invited public submissions because of the concerning issues raised in the interim report.”

“I want victims of crime, defendants, lawyers, forensic experts, and both current and former public servants and police to bring relevant matters to my attention.”

Submissions will be open until Friday 21 October 2022. Anyone with information that might help the Commission investigate how DNA testing has been done for criminal cases can make a submission.

Public hearings will commence at 9:30am on Monday 26 September 2022 in Courtroom 40 of the Brisbane Magistrates Court and are expected to continue for at least 6 hearing days. The hearings will be open to the public and livestreamed on the Commission’s website at www.dnainquiry.qld.gov.au.

Information about how to make a submission can be found at www.dnainquiry.qld.gov.au.