

Notice from the State Coroner, Terry Ryan

Coronial inquests – Covid-19

As part of the measures being implemented by Queensland Courts to limit the transmission of Covid-19 the State Coroner will adjourn all inquest hearings currently scheduled to commence in Brisbane before 30 June 2020.

Scheduled inquests in other locations across the State will also be adjourned to a date to be fixed after July 2020 unless the coroner is satisfied that safe social distancing practices can be achieved within the courtroom.

The Court will continue to finalise findings and deal with any applications as necessary by telephone or video-link.

When the court has further information about when inquests may be re-listed this advice will be communicated to families and made publicly available on the Queensland Courts website.

If any person has any query in relation to an inquest proceeding, please contact the Coronial Investigation Officer assigned to the matter or the Coroners Court of Queensland on (07) 3738 7050.

Business as usual

All Coroners Court of Queensland's offices across the State remain open.

Apart from inquests, all other coronial investigations and administrative functions are proceeding as normal.

Should any person have any concerns they can make contact with the Court by email: state.coroner@justice.qld.gov.au or phone: (07) 3738 7050

Terry Ryan

State Coroner

Coroners Court of Queensland

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