



Policy Phase Rules of Practice and Procedure

Research Council

1. The Commissioner may appoint individuals to the Commission's Research Council ("the Council").
2. The purpose of the Council is to assist the Commissioner fulfill his mandate.
3. The Council shall be headed by a Chair, who is responsible for coordinating the work of the Council.
4. The Council may
 - a. make recommendations to the Commissioner respecting the commissioning of expert reports, including recommending topics and authors;
 - b. provide the Commissioner with general background or technical information on topics relevant to the policy phase of the Inquiry; and
 - c. perform other work as directed by the Commissioner.

Commissioned Papers

5. The Commissioner may, in his discretion, engage external experts to produce discussion, research or policy papers ("Commissioned Papers").
6. The Commissioner may engage a member of the Council to produce a Commissioned Paper. If the Commissioner chooses to do so, the Commissioned Paper shall be written in the author's personal capacity, and not in their capacity as a member of the Council.
7. Any views expressed in a Commissioned Paper are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Commissioner.
8. The Commissioner may, in his discretion, publish a Commissioned Paper on the Commission's website.
9. Every Party and any member of the public may provide written comments in response to a Commissioned Paper that is published on the Commission's website.
10. The Commissioner may provide for the form and deadline for Parties and members of the public to provide comments on Commissioned Papers.



Party Papers

11. Parties may submit discussion, research or policy papers (“Party Papers”).
12. A Party Paper shall be provided to the Commissioner along with a copy of the *curriculum vitae* of its author(s).
13. The Commissioner may set a deadline for Parties to produce Party Papers to the Commission.
14. The Commissioner may, in his discretion, publish a Party Paper on the Commission’s website or distribute a Party Paper to other Parties.

Policy Hearings

15. The Commissioner may hold hearings during the policy phase of the Inquiry. These hearings may take a variety of forms, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Expert testimony from the authors of Commissioned Papers or Party Papers;
 - b. Testimony from one or more other experts; and
 - c. Policy roundtables.
16. Expert testimony during the policy phase will follow the Commission’s *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, subject to such modifications as the circumstances require.
17. Prior to an expert testifying, Commission Counsel shall ensure that the Parties have either a copy of the expert’s report or, alternatively, a will-say statement or statement of anticipated evidence for the expert, along with the expert’s *curriculum vitae*.
18. The Commissioner may convene policy roundtables to hear the perspectives and opinions from experts, policy makers, or other interested individuals on a topic or set of topics relevant to the Commission’s mandate.
19. The Commissioner will determine how each roundtable will be carried out, and how Parties may participate in them.
20. If a roundtable occurs in the absence of the public, a report on the roundtable will be published on the Commission’s website and provided to the Parties.