

NEW SOUTH WALES

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO

Professor Daniel Howard SC

GREETING

WHEREAS, by Letters Patent, made and issued in Our name by Our Governor of Our State of New South Wales on 28 November 2018, We authorised you as sole Commissioner to inquire into and report to Our Governor of the said State on issues concerning crystal methamphetamine in New South Wales,

AND WHEREAS, by Letters Patent, made and issued in Our name by Our Governor of Our State of New South Wales on 30 January 2019, We altered and varied the Letters Patent of 28 November 2018 by omitting “31 January 2019” in the paragraph beginning “AND OUR further will” and inserting instead “8 February 2019”,

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the Letters Patent of 28 November 2018 be further altered and varied to incorporate detailed terms of reference for the conduct of your inquiry, to amend the date by which you are to report, and to confer upon you certain powers under the *Special Commissions of Inquiry Act 1983* (NSW),

NOW THEREFORE, by these Our Letters Patent, made and issued in Our name by Our Governor on the advice of the Executive Council and under the authority of the *Special Commissions of Inquiry Act 1983* (NSW) and every other enabling power, We hereby alter and vary the Letters Patent of 28 November 2018 by omitting the paragraphs marked “A”, “B” and “C” and inserting instead the following:

“A. The nature, prevalence and impact of crystal methamphetamine (‘ice’) and other illicit amphetamine type stimulants (‘ATS’).

B. The adequacy of existing measures to target ice and illicit ATS in NSW.

C. Options to strengthen NSW’s response to ice and illicit ATS, including law enforcement, education, treatment and rehabilitation responses.

D. In conducting the inquiry the Commissioner will:

1. Establish and consult with an expert advisory panel, including:
 - a. At least one member with expertise in health, drug addiction, treatment and rehabilitation,
 - b. At least one member with expertise in drug education and harm minimisation,
 - c. At least one member with expertise in law enforcement,

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- d. At least one member who represents an Aboriginal organisation or community group, and
 - e. Such other members as the Commissioner considers would be of assistance.
2. Consider any drug-related recommendations from any NSW inquest held during the course of the inquiry.
 3. Consider relevant NSW and Commonwealth reports, the findings of past inquiries and other relevant existing material.
 4. Consider relevant international literature (including reports, research, and other materials), experience and practice.
 5. Prepare and publish as soon as practicable an issues paper and to call for public submissions on the issues paper to be made in good time so as to allow the Commissioner to complete the final report.
 6. Consult and/or meet various stakeholders and others.
 7. Conduct formal hearings in public and, if appropriate, in private, to examine witnesses and other interested persons to take place in Sydney and elsewhere, including some of the particular regions where the drug 'ice' is identified as being a significant issue.
 8. Prepare and deliver a final report that considers the information, submissions and evidence, and which makes appropriate findings and recommendations under the terms of reference.”

AND hereby alter and vary the Letters Patent of 28 November 2018 by omitting the first paragraph beginning “AND OUR further will”,

AND hereby alter and vary the Letters Patent of 28 November 2018 by omitting “30 September 2019” in the second paragraph beginning “AND OUR further will” and inserting instead “28 October 2019”.

AND pursuant to section 21 of the *Special Commissions of Inquiry Act 1983* (NSW) it is hereby declared that sections 23 and 24 shall apply to and in respect of the Special Commission issued to you by Our Letters Patent.

AND IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that these Letters Patent are to be read with the Letters Patent constituting your Commission.

IN WITNESS, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Public Seal of Our State to be hereunto affixed.



WITNESS His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley,
Companion of the Order of Australia, Distinguished Service Cross,
(Retired), Governor of the State of New South Wales in the
Commonwealth of Australia.

Dated this 28th day of February 2019.



Governor

By His Excellency's Command,



Premier.