



MEDIA ADVISORY — FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021

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Rescheduled scope hearing in Christchurch masjid attacks coronial inquiry

Coroner Brigitte Windley will hold a rescheduled hearing between 22-24 February 2022 at the Christchurch Law Courts to consider submissions on the scope of the coronial inquiry into the Christchurch masjid attacks.

This hearing was originally set down for 14-15 December 2021, but was postponed to allow families more time to prepare submissions on the scope of the inquiry, in response to Chief Coroner Judge Marshall's Minute issued in October this year. That Minute sets out how the issues that had been raised by families and others are proposed to be dealt with in the coronial inquiry.

This is not an inquest hearing. The Coroner has yet to confirm whether an inquest will occur as part of the inquiry and, if it does, what specific issues will be explored in that forum.

At the hearing in February, submissions may be made by individuals or organisations that are interested parties in the inquiry, by themselves or through their lawyer. Those who make written submissions will also have the opportunity to make oral submissions at the hearing. Coverage of these submissions may be subject to non-publication orders made by Coroner Windley.

Following the hearing, Coroner Windley will make a final decision on the scope of the inquiry in terms of the issues that will be carried through for further investigation.

Date: 22–24 February 2022

Time: From 10am

Location: Christchurch Law Courts

Notes for media:

- Media may attend the hearing in person or via remote access, but there will be limited seating available for in-person attendance. Covid-19 requirements also apply inside the building.
- All media must register to attend in person or via remote access by filling in the registration form provided and submitting to the media contact by **10 December 2021**.



- All applications for in-court media coverage must also be submitted to the media contact by **10 December 2021** for consideration by the Coroner.
- The decision on applications will be communicated to media by **10 January 2022**.
- Filming, still photography and audio recording will be restricted to a pool arrangement and a process will be in place for media to access this content.
- All media wishing to access video, photos or audio under this arrangement will need to submit the in-court media application form provided.
- Only media whose applications have been approved by the Coroner will be permitted to access footage.

Deadlines for media coverage process:

Friday 10 December 2021

- Return completed registration form to crispin.anderlini@justice.govt.nz
- Submit in-court media coverage application form to crispin.anderlini@justice.govt.nz

Monday 10 January 2022

- Coroner's decision on applications for in-court media coverage communicated to media

***Please note that more information about remote access to the hearing and specific courtroom details will be provided closer to the hearing.**

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