



THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER 2021 — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Statement from Chief Coroner Judge Deborah Marshall on Minute providing scope of masjid attacks inquiry

Following my formal opening of a coronial inquiry into the 2019 Christchurch masjid attacks, I have now drafted a Minute setting out the issues that may be looked into and the questions that will be answered.

The proposed focus for the inquiry is based on my review of the questions and issues raised by families of the Shaheed, victims and other interested parties.

However, this Minute is just a starting point and a final decision on the scope of the coronial inquiry has yet to be made. Families of the Shaheed, victims and other interested parties will be given the opportunity to express their views by making submissions.

Coroner Brigitte Windley, who will be taking over the inquiry, will hold a hearing on 14 and 15 December 2021 in Christchurch to consider these submissions. She will then decide on the issues to be investigated.

This is not an inquest hearing, and the Coroner has yet to confirm whether an inquest will occur and what form it might take.

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