



Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence

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The Victorian Government has established the Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence to inquire into the suitability of Crown Melbourne Limited to hold a casino licence. The Hon. Ray Finkelstein AO QC has been appointed as Commissioner and Chairperson.

The Royal Commission is required to report on its findings and any recommendations to the Governor of Victoria by 1 August 2021.

[Public submissions](#)

The Royal Commission opened its public submissions process on 29 March 2021 to members of the public and interested organisations on matters related to the Terms of Reference, which are included in this document.

The Royal Commission is continuing to accept public submissions past its closing date of 26 April 2021 for those who request an extension.

If you would like to make a public submission, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible, given the short timelines for the Royal Commission. This is important so the Royal Commission can consider the information as part of its formal processes.

How make a public submission:

- Contact the Royal Commission via contact@rccol.vic.gov.au to request an extension, or for additional support to write your submission such as translation services.
- Include a contact phone number in your email to the Royal Commission if you wish to be contacted by phone.
- At the top of your submission please include the following:
 - Name
 - Preferred contact details
 - How you would like us to categorise your submission. Choose one of the following:
 - **Public**
Your name and the contents of your submission can be made public, but not your contact details. This includes on the Commission website and referenced or included in the Final Report.
 - **Anonymous**
All identifying details about you are removed, but it is OK to publish and quote from the submission.



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- **Confidential**

Only the Commissioner and Commission staff can view it and it is not published or quoted by the Commission.

- The Royal Commission will accept submissions in the following formats: .PDF, .docx, .doc, or written text on email.

Contact Details

For public enquiries email the Royal Commission at contact@rccol.vic.gov.au

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For media enquiries email the Royal Commission at media@rccol.vic.gov.au

Terms of Reference

The Royal Commission into the Casino Operator and Licence is required to inquire into, report and make any recommendations in relation to its terms of reference including:

- Whether Crown Melbourne is a suitable person to continue to hold the casino licence under the Casino Control Act 1991.
- Whether Crown Melbourne is complying with the Casino Control Act, the Casino (Management Agreement) Act 1993, the Gambling Regulation Act 2003 (together with any regulations or other instruments made under any of those Acts), and any other applicable laws.
- Whether Crown Melbourne is complying with the Crown Melbourne Contracts.
- Whether it is in the public interest for Crown Melbourne to continue to hold the casino licence in Victoria.
- If you consider that Crown Melbourne is not a suitable person, or that it is not in the public interest for Crown Melbourne to hold the casino licence in Victoria, what action (if any) would be required for Crown Melbourne to become a suitable person, or for it to be in the public interest for Crown Melbourne to continue to hold the casino licence in Victoria.
- Whether Crown Resorts is a Suitable Associate of Crown Melbourne.
- If you consider that Crown Resorts is not a Suitable Associate of Crown Melbourne, what action (if any) would be required for Crown Resorts to become a Suitable Associate of Crown Melbourne.
- Whether any other existing associates of Crown Melbourne are not Suitable Associates of Crown Melbourne.



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I. If you consider that any other existing associates of Crown Melbourne are not Suitable Associates of Crown Melbourne, what action (if any) would be required for those persons to become Suitable Associates of Crown Melbourne.

J. Whether you consider changes to relevant Victorian legislation, including the Casino Control Act and the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation Act 2011, as well as the Crown Melbourne Contracts, are necessary for the State to address your findings and implement your recommendations.

K. Whether there are any other matters necessary to satisfactorily resolve the matters set out in paragraphs A to J, above.