



Hazelwood
Mine Fire
Inquiry

"RAL-1"

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Dear Mr Perry

Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry

I confirm that you act for Dr Rosemary Lester and you have submitted an application on her behalf to appear at the Board of Inquiry's public hearings in relation to Term of Reference 6.

The Board has considered your client's application and has granted her leave to appear at the hearings commencing on 1 September 2015. Leave is granted subject to the matters set out in Practice Direction No. 2 – Public Hearing for Term of Reference 6.

The Board notes that your client's application refers to Dr Lester giving evidence about health data collection and analysis both during and after the Hazelwood mine fire in 2014 and whether any serious health concerns were raised with her of the Department of Health (as it was then known) from key health providers during and after the Hazelwood mine fire.

We request that Dr Lester provide to the Board a detailed statement setting out the evidence she can give in relation to Terms of Reference 6, namely what she did as Chief Health Officer in relation to claims that the Hazelwood mine fire led to an increase in deaths including:

1. her role in engaging Melbourne University and Monash University to consider whether the Hazelwood mine fire led to an increase in deaths; and
2. her role in drafting any health advises published on the Department of Health website on the subject of whether there were any deaths caused by the Hazelwood mine fire.

The statement should not address what Dr Lester did as Chief Health Officer in response to the fire generally.

Please provide the statement in electronic and hardcopy by **17 August 2015**.

Please contact me at justine.stansen@hazelwoodinquiry.vic.gov.au or on 8689 0576 if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

Justine Stansen
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