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Appendix A

The Commission

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Secretariat

A total of 8 staff were employed at the Commission. Not all staff were full time.

- Kim Eldridge, Executive Director
- Katie-Jane Orr, Counsel Assisting
- Kellie Tilbrook, Lead Policy Officer
- Julian Butler-Tettmar, Senior Policy Officer
- Jess Roberts, Business and Engagement Manager
- Jenny Turner, Media and Communications Manager
- Kerryn Hawkes, Project and Policy Officer
- Charlotte Brown, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

Operations

Budget – \$3 million.

Number of summonses – The Commission issued 12 summonses in the course of the inquiry and 28 requests for information. A total of 64 witnesses appeared throughout the 10 days of public hearings.

Communications – The Commission website went live on 1 July, 2024 with the publication of the Issues Paper. The website housed information including the Terms of Reference, practice directions, public hearings schedules and transcripts, submissions, key engagement dates, newsletters and hosted the Share With Us survey. As of 1 July, 2025, the website had received more than 80,588 visits. A total of 20 newsletters were published. The Commission's X account also provided daily updates during the Public Hearings, including witness schedules and links to the live stream.