



BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO THE COVID-19 HOTEL QUARANTINE PROGRAM

RESTRICTED PUBLICATION ORDER

BACKGROUND

1. The Board of Inquiry (**Board**) has documents which include reference to a family of four who were held in quarantine at Rydges on Swanston and who all tested positive to COVID-19 (**the Protected Persons**). The documents include information regarding the composition of the family unit and the country from which they had travelled before entering quarantine (**Information**).
2. The evidence before the Board suggests that infections amongst those working at Rydges on Swanston are linked to the infections amongst the Protected Persons so that transmission of COVID-19 from the Protected Persons must have occurred by some means unknown.
3. Having regard to section 73(2)(a), (b) and (e) of the *Inquiries Act* 2014 (**Inquiries Act**), the Board finds:
 - a. prejudice or hardship might be caused to the Protected Persons' safety and/or reputation, if the Protected Persons' identity were to be ascertained;
 - b. the nature and subject matter of the Information is sensitive; and
 - c. it is otherwise appropriate to prohibit publication of the Information.
4. The Board has accordingly determined to make this Order.

ORDER

1. Pursuant to section 73 of the *Inquiries Act* 2014, publication is prohibited of any information that may identify or tend to identify the family of four (**Protected Persons**), either by reference to the name of any of the Protected Persons, the country from which they had travelled before entering quarantine, or any other information that would tend to identify the Protected Persons.



**COVID-19
Hotel Quarantine Inquiry**

Dated this 19th day of August 2020

.....

The Honourable Jennifer Coate AO
Board of Inquiry into the COVID-19 Hotel Quarantine Program