

ROYAL COMMISSION SETS DATE FOR NEXT PUBLIC HEARING IN SYDNEY

The Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide has concluded the first public hearing in Brisbane, and confirms the next hearing will begin in Sydney on February 14, 2022.

The Chair of the Royal Commission Nick Kaldas has thanked more than 60 witnesses who came forward and said their contribution had been invaluable.

“We have taken the very first steps in our journey of discovery in this inquiry,” Commissioner Kaldas said.

“We are grateful beyond words to all the witnesses who have shown great courage in sharing their stories, particularly those with lived experience. This evidence will form a crucial part of our independent investigation.”

The first hearing raised several potential lines of inquiry, including:

- Cultures within the ADF
- Leadership and accountability
- Data collection, and
- Transition from service to civilian life

The Commission has so far received more than 900 submissions and 180 requests for private sessions.

Applications for [private sessions](#) are open.

Public hearings will also be held in Townsville, Wagga Wagga, Canberra and Darwin - with other locations to be announced when the dates and venues are confirmed.

Anyone wishing to make a submission should visit the [Royal Commission website](#).

[Help is also available](#) for people who require legal support or counselling.

Updates will be published on the [Royal Commission homepage](#) and on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.