



NEW SOUTH WALES STATE CORONER

State Coroner's COVID-19 Memorandum No 6

19 January 2022

Management of coronial hearings during the COVID-19 pandemic

The NSW State Coroner, Teresa O'Sullivan, has advised the following procedures will apply in relation to the conduct of coronial proceedings at the Lidcombe Forensic Medicine and Coroners Court Complex (FMCCC) **and any other court**, for matters listed from **21 January 2022 up to and including 25 February 2022**.

The aim of these procedures is to reduce the risk of infection at the FMCCC and in the community.

The operation and business continuity of the Forensic Medicine and Coroners Court Complex at Lidcombe regarding the admission, examination and release of deceased persons is essential.

1. Masks must be worn in the FMCCC and all courts and distancing and density limits maintained.
2. All parties, legal representatives and family members are to appear via AVL or audio link rather than in person, unless there are exceptional circumstances.
3. If the counsel assisting team can attend court safely then they are permitted to do so, if they agree to. They will not be required to attend in person if they would prefer not to.
4. Arrangements will be made for Media to receive an audio link, if requested.
5. These procedures will continue to be reviewed and modified if required.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T O'Sullivan'.

Magistrate Teresa O'Sullivan

NSW State Coroner

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