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Message from the Special Administrator – 30 October 2026

Dear Common Law Holders

This is an update on the Court hearing this morning before Justice McIntyre.

Unfortunately, there was a problem with the video at Court so it was not possible to watch the hearing online. The Court asked the parties if they were happy to go ahead with the hearing anyway. ATLA, and the other parties, agreed to this so that there was no more delays.

Sorry to those who had received a link to watch the hearing online and were unable to do so.

The Court has said that ATLA can distribute the transcript of this morning's hearing. I will make the transcript available when it is received together with a copy of the orders made by the Court today.

Inspector's Third and Fourth Interim Reports

The hearing was for the purpose of making orders following Justice McIntyre's judgment dated 15 October 2026.

Even though the Court told the parties to say what parts they wanted blacked out before last Tuesday, some of the Sub-Groups (being those represented by Virginia Stuart , Beverley Patterson, Sandra Coulthard, Lynlee Smans, Vincent Coulthard, Roger Johnson and Michael McKenzie) only wrote to the parties yesterday with a long list of sections of the Inspector's Third and Fourth Interim Reports that they say should be blacked out. ATLA responded before the hearing this morning to say that they did not agree to any of the sections those Sub-Groups wanted blacked out.

ATLA asked the Court to make orders that the only parts to be blacked out are those few parts that ATLA has agreed with Rangelea.

The Geraldine Anderson Sub-Group has said that it does not want any parts of the Inspector's Reports blacked out and wants the Reports to be released to common law holders as soon as possible.

Justice McIntyre let the lawyer for these Sub-Groups (Mr Tom Lovejoy) know that their delay in identifying which parts of the Inspector's Reports it wants blacked out was not acceptable.

However, the Court has given these Sub-Groups one last chance, until next Tuesday, 3 November 2026 at 5pm, to tell the Court what sections of the Inspector's Third and Fourth Interim Reports it

says should be blacked out. Justice McIntyre J said that the Sub-Groups need to take into account the response that they have already received from ATLA.

ATLA and the other parties have until 5pm on Thursday, 5 November 2026 to respond.

The Court will then decide what parts of the Inspector's Third and Fourth Interim Reports should be blacked out and will make an order for the release of those reports to common law holders. I hope this order will be made late next week or early the week after.

I will publish a further update with information about how common law holders can access the Inspector's Third and Fourth Reports after the Court has made its orders.

Inspector's Further and Final Reports

The Inspector, Mr Hugh McPharlin attended the hearing and told the Court he was ready to send an update to his Fourth Report and his Final Report to the Court and the parties. Mr McPharlin has since sent those Reports to the Court and the parties.

The Court has told the parties to make submissions about any parts of the Inspector's further and final reports that should not be distributed to common law holders by no later than 20 November 2026.

There will be a hearing on 26 November 2026 for the Court to hear any argument about parts of the Inspector's further and final reports that should not be released to common law holders.

I will make another update before the hearing on 26 November 2026 with any new information.

ATLA will continue to press for as much of the Inspector's reports as possible to be released to common law holders.

Yours faithfully,

Peter McQuoid
Special Administrator
30 October 2026