

5 October 2017

Chief Magistrate, Judge Orazio Rinaudo
Brisbane Magistrates Court
PO Box 15167
CITY EAST Qld 4002

Your ref

Our ref

Dear Chief Magistrate Rinaudo

Shortage of hearing dates for public examinations under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth)

We have been advised by our members that there is substantial delay in obtaining hearing dates for public examinations under section 597(15) and Direction 1 of Part 5.9 of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) in Queensland.

We are advised that the waiting periods for a return date are sometimes six months. Such delay affects the investigation by liquidators and ultimately, recoveries in the liquidation for the benefit of creditors. It also delays the administration of justice.

We would be pleased if the Court could take steps to increase the number of hearing dates provided in order to remedy this issue.

Thank you for your consideration and you should wish to discuss the contents of this letter further, please do not hesitate to contact Kate Brodник, Senior Policy Solicitor on 3842 5851 or k.brodnik@qls.com.au.

Yours faithfully


Christine Smyth
President