

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 Brodnik, Senior Policy Solicitor on [REDACTED]  
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Yours faithfully

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Christine Smyth  
President