



Media Release

Inquiry into the convictions of Kathleen Megan Folbigg

Directed under section 77(1)(a) of the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001*

Wednesday, 24 October 2018

Pursuant to section 77(1)(a) of the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001* his Excellency, the Governor of New South Wales, has directed that an inquiry be held into the convictions of Kathleen Megan Folbigg on 21 May 2003 of offences involving the deaths of her four children, and maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm in respect of one of the children, between 20 February 1989 and 1 March 1999.

The Inquiry has been directed because it appears that there is a doubt or question as to part of the evidence in the proceedings leading to the convictions. That doubt or question concerns evidence as to the incidence of reported deaths of three or more infants in the same family attributed to unidentified natural causes.

The Honourable Reginald Oliver Blanch AM QC, former Chief Judge of the District Court of NSW, has been appointed to conduct the Inquiry.

Details for the first directions are as follows:

Date and time: Thursday, 25 October 2018 at 10am
Location: Courtroom 2.1 of the Industrial Relations Commission building, Level 2, 47 Bridge Street, Sydney.

Applications for leave to appear before the Inquiry and submissions regarding the scope of the Inquiry will be received at the directions hearing.

A further directions hearing will be held on Thursday, 15 November 2018. A timetable for substantive hearings will be set later in 2018.

Further information in relation to the Inquiry, including how interested persons may apply for leave to be heard by the Inquiry, may be found on the Inquiry's website: www.folbigginquiry.justice.nsw.gov.au

The public and media may attend the directions hearing. Audio recording is permitted by the media but filming is **strictly prohibited**.

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