

RESTRICTION ORDER

PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 OF THE INQUIRIES ACT 2005

This Restriction Order is made pursuant to section 19(2)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 (“the Act”), read with section 19(3) of the Act.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Material that falls within the categories of sensitivity (“the categories”) described within my ruling and amended minded to note dated 14 September 2026 is the subject of this Restriction Order:
 - a. Cabinet Collective Responsibility;
 - b. Government policy in development;
 - c. Government decision making process;
 - d. National security;
 - e. Operational sensitivity;
 - f. Commercial sensitivity;
 - g. Unpublished statistics;
 - h. Personal data.
2. Material Providers may submit to the Inquiry Legal Team that material falls within the categories, in accordance with the process set out in the Inquiry’s Protocol on the Disclosure of Sensitive Material (“the Protocol”). If the Inquiry Legal Team deems that one or more of the categories applies to the material, then the material will be subject to the applicable restrictions set out below: Type 1 or Type 2. If the Inquiry Legal Team deems that the categories do not apply to the material (or that only Type 1 restrictions should apply) then the Material Provider may apply to the Chair for a determination.

Type 1 Restriction Orders

3. The Inquiry will disclose two copies of documents which contain material subject to a Type 1 Restriction Order (“Type 1 Material”) to Core Participants:

- a. The first copy of the document will have "Type 1" printed on an opaque redaction over the Type 1 material. This copy of the document can be referred to at Inquiry hearings and published on the Inquiry website;
 - b. The second confidential copy of the document will be disclosed to Core Participants only. The Type 1 material will be identified through highlighting and visible to Core Participants. Core Participants may not refer to the Type 1 material at any Inquiry hearings and Type 1 material will not be published on the Inquiry website.
4. In accordance with the Protocol, Core Participants may apply to the Chair for:
 - a. Permission to remove the Type 1 Restriction Order so that the material may be referred to or gisted at an Inquiry hearing; and/or
 - b. For a private hearing to address the Type 1 material.
5. If a Core Participant makes an application pursuant to paragraph 4, the Chair will consider whether the Type 1 material can be provided to accredited members of the media, subject to an undertaking, or can be provided to the media through a gist or partial redaction; to allow the media to provide submissions.

Type 2 Restriction Orders

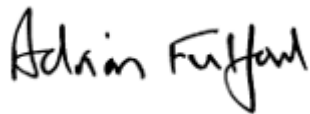
6. Material that is subject to a Type 2 Restriction Order ("Type 2 Material") will not be disclosed to Core Participants.

Restrictions on Type 1 and Type 2 Material

7. This Order prohibits the publication or broadcasting in any newspaper, magazine, public computer work, internet website, social media application, sound or television broadcast or cable or satellite programme service or any media broadcast of Type 1 and Type 2 Material.
8. Where there is any inadvertent mention during the Inquiry hearings of any Type 1 or Type 2 material protected by the above orders then:
 - a. The transcript of the Inquiry's hearing and, where applicable, the video recording and broadcast of the Inquiry's hearing shall be edited as necessary to redact this information;
 - b. A record of the edits made to the recording, broadcast and/or transcript shall be retained by the Inquiry as an annex to this Restriction Order;

- c. Notwithstanding the inadvertent mention of such information in the hearing, the orders above shall remain in force and the disclosure or publication of that redacted information remains expressly prohibited by this Order.
9. This Order remains in force for the duration of the Inquiry and at all times thereafter, unless varied in accordance with the provisions of section 20(3) or (4) of the Inquiries Act 2005.
10. Any person affected by this Order may apply under section 20 of the Inquiries Act 2005 to vary its terms.
11. Any threat to break such an order, or any breach of it, may be certified to the High Court or under section 36 of the Act.

PENAL NOTICE The High Court has the power to imprison or fine for any breach of this Order.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Adrian Fulford'.

Sir Adrian Fulford

Chair

The Southport Public Inquiry

14 September 2026