

BOARD OF MARINE INQUIRY INTO THE MV ANJEANETTE CASUALTY

Established under sections 84 and 86 of the Shipping Act 1998

PROCEDURAL DIRECTION No.2 ON FURTHER EVIDENCE, PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS AND REPORT PREPARATION

The Board directs as follows:

1. Purpose

This Procedural Direction sets out the procedures that will apply following the hearing conference held from 14 to 17 September 2026 and during the next phase of the Inquiry.

The Direction addresses:

- consideration of evidence received to date;
- supplementary evidence and additional witnesses;
- supplementary hearings;
- procedural fairness;
- written submissions; and
- preparation of the Board's report.

The Board has not closed the evidentiary phase of the Inquiry and remains open to receiving further evidence considered necessary to fulfil the Terms of Reference.

2. Current Status of the Inquiry

The Board has completed the hearing conference scheduled from 14 to 17 September 2026 and a substantial part of the hearing programme.

The Board has not formally closed the evidentiary phase of the Inquiry.

The Board may hear or recall witnesses, receive supplementary evidence and documentary material, seek clarification from witnesses, participants or agencies, and convene supplementary hearings where necessary.

No final finding, conclusion or recommendation has yet been adopted by the Board.

3. Review of Evidence

The Board will review all relevant documentary and witness evidence, supplementary material, responses to production notices, and submissions received from participants and interested parties.

It may classify matters as established, disputed, requiring clarification or unable to be determined.

The Board may also identify matters requiring further investigation, explanation or evidence.

4. Supplementary Evidence and Hearings

The Board may hear or recall witnesses, receive further evidence and supplementary statements from any participant, and conduct additional hearing sessions.

The Chairperson will determine the procedure and timetable for any supplementary hearing.

5. Procedural Fairness

The Board will conduct the Inquiry consistently with natural justice and procedural fairness and, before finalising its report, will give any person, company or agency that may be adversely affected by a proposed finding, conclusion, recommendation or comment an appropriate opportunity to respond.

The Board may notify the affected party of the relevant issues, provide relevant report extracts, proposed findings or conclusions and access to relevant evidence, and invite written submissions, clarification, oral representations or any other response it considers appropriate by the date specified in the notice.

Any submission should identify the matter addressed, state the factual and legal basis of the response, identify supporting evidence, and include any correction, clarification or additional information relied upon.

After considering all responses received within the specified period, the Board may retain, amend, qualify or withdraw a proposed finding or conclusion; notification for procedural fairness does not indicate that the Board has reached a final conclusion.

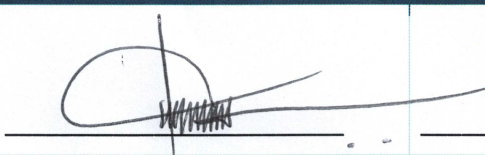
6. Preparation of the Final Report

Following completion of the evidentiary phase, consideration of any supplementary evidence and completion of the procedural fairness process, the Board will finalise its findings, conclusions and recommendations and adopt its report for submission to the Director of the Solomon Islands Maritime Authority.

The report will be provided in accordance with the requirements of the *Shipping Act 1998, the Shipping (Marine Inquiries and Investigations) Regulations 2011* and the Board's Terms of Reference.

7. Further directions

The Board may issue additional procedural directions where necessary to ensure the fair, efficient and orderly completion of the Inquiry.

Name / role	Signature	Date
<u>Lenard B. Chite</u> Chairperson		18/9/2025