BOARD OF MARINE INQUIRY INTO THE MV ANJEANETTE CASUALTY

Established under sections 84 and 86 of the Shipping Act 1998

PROCEDURAL DIRECTION No.3 ON PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS, REPORT REVIEW AND REVISED SUBMISSION DATE

The Board directs as follows:

1. Purpose

This Procedural Direction records the timetable adopted by the Board for:

- responses to proposed adverse findings;
- consideration of those responses;
- review and finalisation of the Marine Inquiry Report; and
- submission of the final report to the Director of the Solomon Islands Maritime Authority.

2. Revised Report Submission Date

Decision No. 114-2026 originally required the Board to submit its report by 31 October 2026.

Following its review of the evidence, preparation of proposed findings and consideration of the time required to complete the procedural fairness process, the Board proposed that the submission date be extended to 30 November 2026.

The Director of the Solomon Islands Maritime Authority, being the authority who established the reporting date, accepted the Board's proposal and approved the revised submission date of 30 November 2026.

The revised timetable allows the Board to receive and properly consider responses to proposed adverse findings before finalising its findings, conclusions and recommendations.

3. Notices of Proposed Adverse Findings

On 23 October 2026, the Board issued confidential notices of proposed adverse findings to the persons, companies and agencies identified by the Board as potentially affected.

The notices were served on 26 October 2026.

The proposed findings are not final findings. No final conclusion will be reached concerning an affected person, company or agency until the applicable response period has expired and the Board has considered any response received.

4. Period for Responses

Each person, company or agency served with a notice of proposed adverse findings may provide a written response within seven days after service.

Accordingly, responses must be received by the Secretary to the Board no later than **4:00 pm on Monday, 2 November 2026**.

A response may include:

- explanation, clarification or correction;
- comments on the proposed findings;
- identification of disputed facts;
- supporting documents or other evidence;
- a signed witness statement;
- legal or procedural submissions; or
- a request to provide further oral evidence.

Any request for additional time must be made before the response deadline, state the reasons for the request and identify the additional period sought. The Board will determine each request having regard to procedural fairness and the need to complete the Inquiry without unnecessary delay.

5. Confidentiality

Notices of proposed adverse findings and any accompanying draft findings, report extracts or evidentiary material are confidential.

They may be disclosed to an affected recipient's legal adviser or authorised representative for the purpose of preparing a response but must not otherwise be published, circulated or disclosed without the Board's authority.

Public issue of this Procedural Direction does not disclose the identity of any recipient or the content of any proposed adverse finding.

6. Consideration of Responses

After the response deadline, the Board will review all responses and supporting material received.

In light of a response, the Board may:

- retain a proposed finding;
- amend or qualify a proposed finding;
- withdraw a proposed finding;
- request further information or clarification;
- recall a witness or receive further oral evidence; or
- undertake any other procedural step required to ensure fairness.

The Board may proceed on the evidence before it where a recipient does not respond within the applicable period and no extension has been granted.

7. Further Evidence or Hearing

The Board has not excluded the possibility of receiving further evidence.

If a response or other material raises a significant new matter requiring oral examination, the Board may:

- request a supplementary statement or documents;
- recall a witness;
- hear an additional witness;
- receive evidence remotely; or
- convene a limited supplementary hearing.

Affected persons will receive appropriate notice of any further hearing or material procedural step.

8. Report Review and Finalisation

The Board adopted the following indicative timetable:

Stage	Date
Service of proposed adverse findings notices	26 October 2026
Responses due	4:00 pm, 2 November 2026
Review of responses and revision of draft report	3-18 November 2026
Board meeting to consider responses and revised findings	19 or 20 November 2026
Completion of final report draft	By 26 November 2026
Final Board meeting to clear and adopt the report	27 November 2026
Submission of final report to the Director	By 30 November 2026

The dates may be adjusted by the Chairperson where necessary to address further evidence, a reasonable extension request or another procedural fairness requirement, provided that the revised submission date approved by the Director is maintained.

9. Final Report

The Board's report will not become final until:

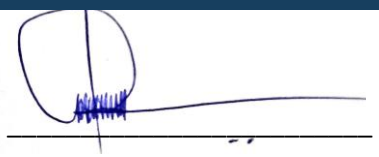
- all responses received within the applicable period have been considered;
- any necessary supplementary evidentiary process has been completed;
- the Board has settled its findings, conclusions and recommendations;
- the Board has formally adopted the report; and
- the final report has been signed by the Chairperson and members.

The final report will then be submitted to the Director in accordance with the applicable legal framework and the revised reporting date.

10. Further Directions

The Chairperson may issue further procedural directions where necessary for the fair, efficient and orderly completion of the Inquiry.

Dated at Honiara on 26 October 2026.

Name / role	Signature	Date
Lenard B. Chite Chairperson		23 October 2026