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AT SYDNEY

ON FRIDAY 3 MAY, 2019

AT 9.40AM

THE COMMISSIONER: All right. Before I call on the summons, any other matters, Mr Buchanan?

MR BUCHANAN: No, Commissioner.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right. I call on the summons to appear and give evidence addressed to Bechara Khouri, dated 23 March, 2018. I note that the Commission solicitor Ms Ellis has received some correspondence from Stephen Stanton of counsel, and he has indicated that there will be no
10   appearance by Bechara Khouri today, and I assume that we haven't seen Mr Khouri outside the hearing room.

MR BUCHANAN: No, he hasn't been sighted, Commissioner.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right. Well, I think in those circumstances I note that there has been no appearance and a failure to appear pursuant to the summons by Bechara Khouri.

MR BUCHANAN: Before you conclude, Commissioner, I don't know that
20   an order was made yesterday vacating the remaining hearing dates.

THE COMMISSIONER: Of course. Thank you very much. Now, I had vacated the dates in June. There were some more days in May, including I think next week. We were facing the delight of trekking down to LECC. I don't have the May dates in front of me, but is it sufficient if I just vacate the other May dates?

MR BUCHANAN: All remaining hearing dates.

30   THE COMMISSIONER: All right. I vacate any of the remaining hearing dates in this public inquiry and I close this public inquiry.

AT 9.43AM THE MATTER WAS ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY
                                                                    [9.43am]