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## **Pike River Royal Commission website now live**

The official website for the Royal Commission on the Pike River Coal Mine Tragedy is now live. The website is accessed at <http://pikeriver.royalcommission.govt.nz/>

The Royal Commission is chaired by Graham Panckhurst a sitting High Court judge, based in Christchurch. Other commission members are Stewart Bell of Queensland, Australia and David Henry of Wellington, New Zealand.

The Hon Justice Panckhurst says the website will provide a range of information including details about the terms of reference, the commissioners, contacts and hearings. "We are most conscious of the significant and keen public interest in the Pike River Mine tragedy. The website will provide an important public face for our work."

The Royal Commission operates independently of government but receives administrative assistance from the Department of Internal Affairs.

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