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INDEPENDENT REVIEW INTO SKYCITY

In light of interstate inquiries into various casino operations, South Australia's Liquor and Gambling regulator is commissioning an independent review of casino operations in South Australia.

"Commissions of Inquiry have been undertaken in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia into the Casinos operating or proposing to operate in those states and a further inquiry is about to be commenced in Queensland," Liquor and Gambling Commissioner Dini Soulio said.

"Inquiries to date have highlighted significant failings on the part of Crown Resorts as operators of Crown Casinos.

"In addition, Star Entertainment Group is the subject of a current inquiry in NSW where significant failings have been identified.

"A number of the matters raised to date extend beyond any one organisation and point instead to broader systemic issues within the casino industry.

"As a result, an investigation will be undertaken by the Honourable Brian Martin AO QC to ensure that the way that SkyCity operates demonstrates that the licensee is still suitable to hold the casino licence in South Australia."

Commissioner Soulio said retired Supreme Court Judge, Brian Martin is eminently qualified with a broad range of expertise.

"Mr Martin is a highly respected member of the legal profession. He has conducted reviews of key criminal justice policies in South Australia including reforms to the handling of major indictable offences and the state's sentencing discount scheme.

"I have every confidence he will deliver a report to help us ensure that South Australians can have confidence in the way that the Adelaide Casino is operating."

Mr Martin is due to report back to the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner by 1 February next year.

