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The Beaconsfield Mine Collapse Investigation would be totally compromised if it were made public before the appropriate authorities had dealt with it, Special Investigator Greg Melick S.C. said today.

"Under the scope of the investigation released by the Premier, the results will inform the Coronial Inquiry into the cause of the death of Beaconsfield miner, Larry Knight, and if necessary, be considered by the Director of Public Prosecutions," Mr Melick said.

"This is the proper process. It is the process outlined by the Premier.

"To do it any other way would be to undermine and compromise findings the Coroner will make, or any decisions the DPP may have to make.

Mr Melick said the information he gathers during the course of his investigation and the findings he makes will go to the Coroner.

"The Coroner's Inquiry is a full judicial inquiry with powers to require evidence under oath and to examine witnesses," he said.

He said he would place public advertisements seeking submissions and inviting anyone to come forward with information that may be relevant to his investigation.

"I will undertake a thorough and robust independent investigation into the cause of the mine collapse at Beaconsfield.

"It will focus on the cause of the events, safety at the mine, legal obligations, and steps that should be taken to make sure it doesn't happen again. This is clearly set out in the scope of the investigation."

Mr Melick said his report would not go the Premier.

“Only after these matters have been dealt with by the Coroner and the DPP, will recommendations be made to the Government on issues where the Government has a responsibility.” Mr Melick said.