

Child Safety Commission of Inquiry



Call for submissions on child safety issues in Far North Queensland

The Commission of Inquiry is calling on Far North Queenslanders with relevant insights about child safety concerns in Cairns, the Hinterland and Cape York to make submissions to help it identify issues on the front line ahead of its first public hearing in Cairns.

The Commission has published an [information document](#) today, relating to the hearing, it plans to explore on 8 September.

The first public hearing will hear from a range of witnesses about the challenges affecting those within the child protection system in the region.

The Commissioner, the Honourable Paul Anastassiou KC said he was keen to hear from as many parties as possible.

“The paramount aim of this Inquiry is to improve the lives and futures of children and young people,” Mr Anastassiou said.

“If you have information that will deepen our understanding about issues ‘on the ground’ then we want to hear from you.

“I am particularly interested to ensure the unfiltered voices of children and young people who are or were in state care are heard clearly during this Commission. Your input is important and valued.”

Since the Commission of Inquiry into Child Safety opened in July, it has received over 200 submissions.

Mr Anastassiou thanked those who have made submissions to date.

“Please be assured all submissions made to the Commission are reviewed and assessed by Commission staff and form part of the body of material that will inform this Commission’s work.”

To make a submission, visit the Commission’s [website](#).

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