

Child Safety Commission of Inquiry



Call for submissions

Corporate parenting and the link between the child safety and youth justice systems

The Commission of Inquiry into the Child Safety System invites submissions from the public in respect of the Department's role as a corporate parent and the link between the child safety and youth justice systems.

- Is the Department an effective corporate parent and is it meeting community expectations in relation to parenting, particularly in respect of:
 - children and young people who are placed in non-family-based (residential) care;
 - young people in care who are known to both the child safety system and the youth justice system;
 - young people who are transitioning out of detention into care and care into adulthood?
- What is the link, if any, between the child safety system and the youth justice system? For instance, do elements of the child safety system operate as a 'feeder system' to the youth justice? What are the factors contributing to children in care entering the youth justice system?
- Experiences of information sharing, communication and engagement between government agencies in relation to 'dual order' youth offenders.
- The experiences of non-family based (residential) care workers, foster carers and kinship carers in dealing with children in care who are known to the youth justice system and/or youth offenders.
- The experiences of children in family-based and non-family-based (residential) care who have also been in the youth justice system.
- The experiences of children in family-based and non-family-based (residential) care of contact with other children in care who have also been in the youth justice system and the impact of that contact upon their experiences in care.
- The experiences of community members who have been:
 - victims of crime at the hands of young people who were in care at the time of the offending;
 - negatively affected by the conduct of children and young people housed in non-family based (residential) care facilities in their neighbourhoods.

To make a submission, visit the Commission website at www.childsafetyinquiry.qld.gov.au/submissions.

Due date for submissions: Friday 23 January 2026