

Child Safety Commission of Inquiry



The Queensland Government's Commission of Inquiry into the Child Safety System officially commenced today.

The Honourable Paul Anastassiou KC, appointed as Commissioner, said the Inquiry would thoroughly and independently review the policies, practices, decisions and oversight mechanisms affecting the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable children in Queensland.

“This is a deeply important task,” Mr Anastassiou said.

“The Inquiry will seek to understand systemic issues, identify opportunities for improvement, and make recommendations to help ensure Queensland’s child safety system better protects the children it is designed to serve as well as the Queensland community.”

Over the next 17 months, the Commission will travel around Queensland and will engage with government and non-government stakeholders, experts, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, frontline workers, families, carers, and, where appropriate, individuals with experience with the child safety system.

“The voices and experiences of those impacted by the system, across the state, will play a critical role in informing the work of this Inquiry,” Mr Anastassiou said.

The Commission will operate transparently and independently, guided by its Terms of Reference. Mr Anastassiou emphasised the Inquiry is committed to conducting its work with compassion, integrity, and a child-centred focus, but will not shy away from scrutinising critical issues of accountability and proper governance within the system.

Further details about the Commission’s processes, opportunities for public engagement, and timeframes for public hearings and reporting will be published on the Inquiry’s website at www.childsafetyinquiry.qld.gov.au.

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