



## **Inquiry calls on Far North Queensland to have say on child safety system**

The Commission of Inquiry into Queensland’s Child Safety System will visit Cairns this week to encourage those with concerns about the system to have their say.

Their input will help to inform the first public hearing, in the tropical Far North, next month.

Commissioner, the Honourable Paul Anastassiou KC, said the Inquiry team would meet with a range of stakeholder groups including First Nations peoples to understand issues at a local level.

“In regional and remote areas, I am particularly interested in hearing about local factors that can impact the way the child protection system operates in practice, as well as what may be improved, including potentially alternative forms of care for children and young people in the child protection system that are not available currently,” Mr Anastassiou said.

Mr Anastassiou said as part of his visit, he would encourage those impacted or had concerns with the child safety system in Queensland to make submissions via the Commission’s website to help inform the public hearing.

“Public hearings are important as they enable the community to participate in, and scrutinise, a good deal of the work of the Commission,” he said.

“I hope that public hearings will encourage interest in the work of the Commission and encourage interested parties to make submissions and potentially give evidence in these open forums.”

The Commissioner’s upcoming visit to the state’s Far North comes off the back of the formal opening into the Commission of Inquiry into the Child Safety System on Wednesday 23 July in Brisbane.

The [opening](#) included an overview of how the Commission would approach the task through the terms of reference and the areas of focus for the Commission.

To make a submission, visit the Commission’s website <https://www.childsafetyinquiry.qld.gov.au/submissions>

### **About the Commission of Inquiry into Child Safety System**

On 18 May 2025, the Queensland Government announced a Commission of Inquiry into Queensland’s child safety system.

The Commission will investigate systemic issues within the state's child safety system and aims to uncover failures and recommend reforms to better protect vulnerable children.

The Commission commenced on 1 July 2025 and will submit a final report to Government by 30 November 2026. It may also make interim reports.

Visit the [Commission of Inquiry into Child Safety System website](#) for more information.