



## **Commencement of public hearings for the Commission of Inquiry into Queensland's Child Safety System 16 July 2025**

Commissioner, the Honourable Paul Anastassiou KC, today announced hearings for the Commission of Inquiry into the Child Safety System in Queensland will commence Wednesday 23 July 2025.

The Commissioner will formally open the Commission on 23 July, provide the public with an overview of how the Commission will approach the task it has been given by its terms of reference, and the areas of focus for the Commission.

Mr Anastassiou has previously confirmed that improving the complaints system for people working and caring within the child safety system will be one of the Commission's first priorities.

Returning from a visit to Townsville to begin regional engagement, the Commissioner said, "Over two days, I had many engaging and fruitful discussions with frontline workers in the child protection system. I am appreciative of their time and thoughtful feedback. These individuals are a vital source of information which will help inform the Commission's work."

"I have also had the opportunity to commence direct engagement with First Nations Elders, which will be an ongoing process throughout the Commission."

I look forward to speaking further about the Commission's approach to its work at the formal opening next week."

Members of the public are invited to watch the opening hearing online via livestream on the Commission website.

No evidence from witnesses will be heard at the initial hearing. Evidence will be called from witnesses at subsequent public hearings, the dates of which are yet to be confirmed.

Submissions are currently open and can be made via the Commission website.

The opening hearing will commence at 10am on Wednesday 23 July 2025 in the Brisbane Magistrates Court, in Courtroom 17.

Further information about the Commission is available at [childsafetyinquiry.qld.gov.au](https://childsafetyinquiry.qld.gov.au). Dates of subsequent public hearings to be held across the state will be published once confirmed.

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