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Commission of Inquiry: extension of final reporting deadline

The Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings has received an extension to its final reporting date.

The Commission will now deliver its final report by 31 August 2023. Despite the revised reporting date, the Commission does not plan to expand the current scope of its inquiry or conduct additional public hearings.

The Commission was required to deliver its final report by 1 May 2023. The Commission approached the Tasmanian Government to discuss its reporting deadline because of the complexity of information provided to us, our commitment to appropriately and thoroughly address all the issues raised with us, and the need to discharge our procedural fairness obligations under the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1995*.

After the Commission consulted with the Tasmanian Government, it agreed in principle to the Commission's proposed new reporting date.

Commission President, the Honourable Marcia Neave AO, said the Commissioners understand there is significant anticipation in the Tasmanian community ahead of the final report.

"The Commission is committed to delivering a report which supports an opportunity for real change and reform. We must ensure our final report and its recommendations are thorough and do all we can to contribute to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in Tasmania," said Commissioner Neave.

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