



Commission of Inquiry into
the Tasmanian Government's
Responses to Child Sexual
Abuse in Institutional Settings

Commission of Inquiry

An Easy Read Guide

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About the guide

This guide is written by the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings.

It is written in an easy to read way.



When you see the word 'we' it means the Commission of Inquiry.



The guide uses pictures to help explain the words.



If you're unsure, you can ask someone you know to help you read the report.

You may want to have a family member or a friend with you for support.

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The Commission of Inquiry

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This guide is about the Commission of Inquiry and its report.



The Commission is independent of Government.



It has special powers, like a Royal Commission.



It has called witnesses at public hearings.



It has accessed Government documents.

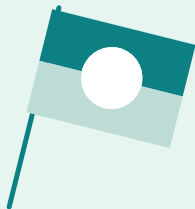


Commissioners have met with many people to hear their stories.

Acknowledgment



We pay tribute to victim-survivors, and all who have come forward.



We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people.

The views of Aboriginal people are included in the report.



You have helped inform the Commission's findings.



You have bravely shared your stories. It has not been easy.

We thank you all.

The Commission's work

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The Commission has been looking into the Tasmanian Government's responses to institutional child sexual abuse.



It has looked at how children can be safer in Tasmania.



How the Government responds to child sexual abuse is key.



The Commission has looked at Government responses and failings.



The Commission wants to fix problems in the system.



It wants to prevent abuse.



It wants to make reporting abuse easier.



It wants complaints to be properly investigated.



It wants victim-survivors to be properly supported.



The Commission has made recommendations for change.

The Commission's focus

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Under its terms of reference, the Commission focused on certain topics.



It has looked closely at abuse in schools.



It has investigated the Tasmanian Health Service. In particular, the Launceston General Hospital and James Griffin.



The Commission has looked closely at Tasmania's out of home care system.



The Commission has also looked at Ashley Youth Detention Centre.



The Commission has tried to find out what worked well and what went wrong when the Government responded to child sexual abuse.



We want to make sure these problems don't continue.



The Commission has looked at cases of abuse that occurred since the year 2000.

It has also looked at reports of abuse or allegations made since 2000.

The Commission's report

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The report presents information and evidence we received.



The report makes findings about people and the Tasmanian Government.



The report makes recommendations.



The recommendations show a path forward for change.

Viewing the report



You can find the report on the Commission's website.

www.commissionofinquiry.tas.gov.au



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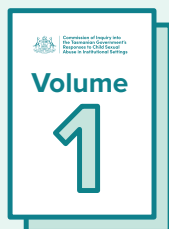


You can read the report in a different language.

Click on the Translate button at the top of the Commission's website.

Chapters of the report

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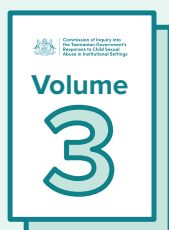
Volume 1 of the report includes a **summary, recommendations and findings.**

The summary helps to break down the report's main points.



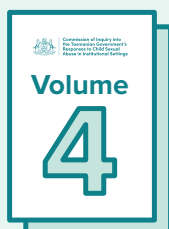
Volume 2 contains information about the Commission of Inquiry.

Volume 2 includes Chapters 1, 2 and 3.



Volume 3 talks about children in schools.

Volume 3 includes Chapters 4, 5 and 6.



Volume 4 talks about children in out of home care.

Volume 4 includes Chapters 7, 8 and 9.



Volume 5 talks about youth detention.

Volume 5 includes Chapters 10, 11 and 12.



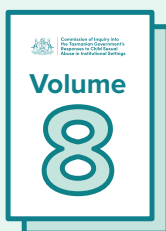
Volume 6 talks about children in health services.

Volume 6 includes Chapters 13, 14 and 15.



Volume 7 talks about the justice system and victim-survivors.

Volume 7 includes Chapters 16 and 17.



Volume 8 talks about system reform to protect children and support victim-survivors.

Volume 8 includes Chapters 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

Support

Support



The Commission understands the report may be upsetting to read.

You are not alone.

Remember, support is available.



The Commission of Inquiry is ending on 31 August 2023.

External services are still available for those who need support.



You can find them here:

www.commissionofinquiry.tas.gov.au/support

You can also call:

Lifeline (24 hours) 131 114

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

Victims of Crime Service 1300 300 238

Sexual Assault Support Service (24 hours) 1800 697 877

Laurel House Northern Tasmania (03) 6334 2740

Laurel House North West Tasmania (03) 6431 9711

Blue Knot Foundation 1300 657 380

Child Abuse Prevention Service 1800 688 009

Strong Families, Safe Kids 1800 000 123

1800 RESPECT 1800 737 732

Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467

MensLine Australia 1300 789 978

Relationships Australia Tasmania 1300 364 277

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