



MEDIA RELEASE

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Commission of Inquiry: new hearings dates announced

Weeks 6 and 7 of the hearings of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings will now resume in Hobart on Thursday 18 August 2022.

These hearings will focus on the adequacy and appropriateness of the Government's responses to allegations and incidents of child sexual abuse in the youth justice system, in particular the Ashley Youth Detention Centre.

Previously scheduled to commence this week, the hearings were deferred due to the evolving nature of the Commission's work and will now run for seven days until Friday 26 August 2022.

More hearings, including some witnesses postponed from the recent Health hearings in Launceston, are being scheduled for September.

The Commission is grateful for the information that continues to be provided to it.

A [hearings schedule](#) is available on the Commission's website, and below.

Hearings schedule

Week 1	Monday 2 May – Friday 6 May 2022	Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 38 Barrack Street, Hobart
Week 2	Monday 9 May – Friday 13 May 2022	Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 38 Barrack Street, Hobart
Week 3	Tuesday 14 June – Friday 17 June 2022	Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 38 Barrack Street, Hobart

Week 4	Monday 27 June – Friday 1 July 2022	Country Club Tasmania, Country Club Avenue, Prospect Vale, Launceston
Week 5	Monday 4 July – Friday 8 July 2022	Country Club Tasmania, Country Club Avenue, Prospect Vale, Launceston
Week 6	Thursday 18 August – Friday 19 August 2022	Kannenner Room, Mövenpick Hotel Hobart, 28 Elizabeth Street, Hobart
Week 7	Monday 22 August – Friday 26 August 2022	Kannenner Room, Mövenpick Hotel Hobart, 28 Elizabeth Street, Hobart
Week 8	Wednesday 7 September – Friday 9 September 2022	Kannenner Room, Mövenpick Hotel Hobart, 28 Elizabeth Street, Hobart
Week 9	Monday 12 September – Tuesday 13 September 2022	Kannenner Room, Mövenpick Hotel Hobart, 28 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

Members of the public, including the media, are welcome to attend in person or watch the live stream on the Commission’s website.

Those attending should be aware of the Commission’s [COVID-19 Vaccination Policy](#), including that proof of vaccination status be presented on arrival. Masks should be worn on site.

As with previous hearings, witness lists will be updated daily and published on the Hearings page.

The Commission recognises the hearings will be a difficult time for many in the community, particularly those directly affected by child sexual abuse.

A list of support organisations is available on the Commission’s [website](#).

The Commission will hand down its final report and recommendations by 1 May 2023.

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