



## Community Development and Justice Standing Committee

# MEDIA RELEASE

### **Inquiry into the options available to survivors of institutional child sexual abuse in Western Australia who are seeking justice**

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The Community Development and Justice Standing Committee has launched an inquiry into the options available to survivors of institutional child sexual abuse in Western Australia who are seeking justice.

#### *Terms of Reference*

The Committee will inquire into:

1. The impact of the *Civil Liability Legislation Amendment Act (Child Sexual Abuse Actions) Act 2018* (the Act), including:
  - a. the experience of survivors who have used the civil litigation process;
  - b. the response of government and non-government institutions to civil claims brought by survivors;
  - c. the efficiency with which courts deal with civil claims;
  - d. State monitoring and reporting on the progress and impact of the Act.
2. The effectiveness of WA's support of the National Redress Scheme, including:
  - a. the experience of survivors who have accessed the Scheme;
  - b. the response of Government and non-government institutions to the Scheme.
3. The resourcing and provision of services to support survivors in whichever path they take.
4. Other options to provide justice, resolution and/or compensation to survivors and their families, including lessons from other jurisdictions.

The Committee invites written submissions from the public, which should address the terms of reference in whole or in part. Submissions should also include any requests to:

- appear before the Committee in support of your submission
- keep all or part of your submission private, including if you would like to keep your identity confidential.

Submissions can be made through the Committee [website](#). Submissions should be received by **4:00pm on Friday, 4 August 2023**, but please contact the Committee if you have difficulty meeting that deadline.



Once a submission is sent to the Committee, it is confidential and you should check with the Committee before disclosing it to others. More information about making a submission can be obtained from the Committee Office or the Parliament's [website](#).

For media inquiries contact the Chair, Dr David Honey MLA, on 0451 750 854.

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