



Education and Health Standing Committee

Inquiry into the Esther Foundation and unregulated private health facilities

A message to former residents, staff, volunteers and families involved with the Esther Foundation

1 June 2022

We have become aware that some people involved with the Esther Foundation are finding it difficult to make a written submission to the inquiry by the due date of Friday, 3 June 2022. We understand that it can be very hard to write or speak about a traumatic experience.

Your experience matters and is important to our work. We want to make sure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to make a submission to the inquiry if they want to.

We want to assure you that we will accept your submission beyond the due date of 3 June 2022, throughout the course of the inquiry, when you feel you are ready and able to make a submission.

We are working to report to parliament on the inquiry by 1 December 2022. So, the sooner you can provide your submission, the more we can use it to inform our work. But even if you provide your submission late in the inquiry, it will still be useful for us.

We can also accept video or audio submissions if you find it hard to write about your experience. To do this:

- Make a video or audio recording on your phone
- Upload it to your choice of file sharing service (e.g. Dropbox; Google Drive)
- Email the link to us at laehsc@parliament.wa.gov.au, with your name and phone number.

We can also accept video or audio submissions on a USB. To do this save your video or audio recording to a USB and send it to:

Education and Health Standing Committee
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
West Perth WA 6005

We understand the sensitivity of your experiences and we won't report on your evidence without your consent. We will provide on-site counselling support to people who are invited to speak with the committee personally.

Please contact us on 9222 7480 or laehsc@parliament.wa.gov.au if you have any queries.