



## Community Development and Justice Standing Committee

# Guide for submissions

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

The Committee welcomes your submission, no matter how brief. You may address the issues generally, or all of the terms of reference specifically. You are welcome to address only some issues that relate to your specific interests or experience.

### **Inquiry terms of reference**

The Committee will consider various questions within its terms of reference, which are;

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.

### **Your submission**

The Committee welcomes personal stories and evidence that relate to the terms of reference.

We understand that you might be worried about your personal or family privacy when making a submission to the inquiry. If you are making a personal submission (that is, you are not making a submission on behalf of an organisation), you will be given options about how we use your submission, including:



- full publication of your name and submission
- publication of your submission, but your name withheld and/or identifying details redacted
- non-publication of your name and submission.

While we want to hear from survivors of institutional sexual abuse, this inquiry and this Committee have no role in determining any claims of past harm, and such claims will not be accepted during the inquiry. For people looking for more general support or information, this [document](#) includes contact details for many survivor groups and support services in Western Australia.

Submissions should be received by the Committee no later than **4.00pm, Friday 4 August 2023**. Submissions can be sent electronically to [lacdjsc@parliament.wa.gov.au](mailto:lacdjsc@parliament.wa.gov.au) or by post to:

Community Development and Justice Standing Committee  
Parliament House  
4 Harvest Terrace  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

We can also accept brief video or audio submissions from individuals, if this is a more suitable format for you. 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 [lacdjsc@parliament.wa.gov.au](mailto:lacdjsc@parliament.wa.gov.au), with your name and phone number.

For more information on making a submission and how the Committee may use the information you provide, please see the Legislative Assembly's guidelines on [Giving written evidence to a Legislative Assembly committee](#).

If you have a question about the terms of reference or the inquiry process, including the preparation of submissions, please contact the Principal Research Officer, Dr Alan Charlton, on 9222 7496 or [lacdjsc@parliament.wa.gov.au](mailto:lacdjsc@parliament.wa.gov.au).

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