



Community Development and Justice Standing Committee

Inquiry into options available for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse in WA seeking justice

An update on this inquiry and recent news stories about the Kimberley

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We want to start by saying how grateful we are to everyone who has contributed to this inquiry. We know that writing or talking about traumatic experiences can be very difficult. And that is why we are happy to continue receiving submissions from people wanting to share their experiences in seeking justice in this area.

While written submissions are the norm, we can also accept video or audio submissions. If you would like to discuss options for making a submission, please contact us on 9222 7496 or at lacdjsc@parliament.wa.gov.au. And please be assured that we can accept your evidence without making it public, and we will not use any identifying information when we report to Parliament about this inquiry.

On other matters, we understand that people might wonder how recent news about alleged events in the Kimberley will affect the Committee's work. While we are interested to hear from anyone about their experiences in seeking justice, especially through the civil courts or the National Redress Scheme, we have no role in determining, and are not able to investigate, particular complaints. Nor can we take over the role of the police or courts.

If you think you have been the victim of any criminal action, you should report it to the police.

If you need more general support or guidance, this [document](#) includes a comprehensive list of specialist support services and survivor groups in WA.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss these options further.