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Hon Ruth Forrest MLC
Chair
Joint Sessional Committee - Commission of Inquiry
via email: jenny.mannering@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Ms Forrest

Commission of Inquiry - Reporting Arrangements

I'm writing to advise of a change to the public reporting schedule for the Keeping Children Safe Reform Program.

The Tasmanian Government has endorsed a shift from quarterly to twice-yearly public reporting. This applies to all recommendations overseen through the Program, including those from the Commission of Inquiry, the Weiss Review, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, and others as reviews are completed.

This change reflects the evolving nature of the reform effort. While the early phase focused on urgent, standalone actions, the current phase involves deeper, long-term systemic change. A six-monthly reporting cycle will allow for more meaningful and considered updates on progress.

Transparency and public accountability remain central. In addition to formal reports, the Government will continue to share information and demonstrate progress through:

- Ongoing co-design and structured engagement with lived experience groups (such as the Victim-Survivor Advisory Group and CCYP's *Voices for Tasmanian Youth*), as well as formal sector representation including SASS, Laurel House, Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania, LGAT, TasCOSS, Working It Out!, MCOT, Speak Out Advocacy, the National Centre for Action on Child Sexual Abuse, and the National Office for Child Safety through numerous established collaboration groups.
- Governance forums established under the Keeping Children Safe Reform governance and accountability framework ensuring a whole of government focus
- Regular updates on the Keeping Children Safe website
- Public newsletters and stories that highlight progress and lived experience impact

Independent oversight is also a critical part of the system:

- The Child Safety Reform Implementation Monitor provides independent reports to Parliament and regularly shares his assessments publicly.

- The Keeping Children Safe team and Chief Reform Lead meet monthly with the Implementation Monitor and comply fully with all information requests from his office, noting his powers to compel information and share it with the community.
- The Commissioner for Children and Young People plays a key role in public accountability, with the team meeting monthly to support oversight and information sharing.
- The Office of the Independent Regulator also contributes to the oversight landscape.

The next report is expected to be published shortly, following Tasmanian Government consideration in late September 2025.

Please let me know if the Committee would like any further information.

Yours sincerely



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Premier