



Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality

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SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN

On 20 November 2024 the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality received the following referral from the Legislative Council: -

“That the Expungement of Historic Offences Amendment Bill 2024 be referred to the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality for consideration and report on matters related to gender and equality impacts of the proposed payment of compensation under the Bill.”

The Committee has launched the Expungement of Historical Offence Amendment Bill 2024 Inquiry, which will consider and report on matters related to gender and equality impacts of the proposed payment of compensation under the Bill. In response to this focused referral, the Committee will assess mechanisms for compensation or redress payments and the mechanism by which such payments should be determined, in relation to the Bill and welcomes evidence regarding these matters, including matters noting existing schemes for compensation or redress and proposals in relation to the Bill.

The Committee invites interested persons or organisations to make written submissions to the Committee by the closing date of **Monday, 20 January 2025**, noting the specific focus on proposed compensation under the Bill.

For further information about the inquiry, please visit the inquiry website: <https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/committees/joint-committees/sessional-committees/gender-and-equality-committee/inquiries/expungement-of-historical-offences-amendment-bill-2024-inquiry>

Enquiries and submissions should be directed to:-

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