



MEDIA RELEASE

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Commission of Inquiry: hearings to start in Hobart

The Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings will begin the first of six weeks of hearings on Monday.

The hearings are a major component of the work of the Commission and will provide the Tasmanian community and those further afield an opportunity to hear directly from a range of witnesses.

Commissioners, the Honourable Marcia Neave AO, Professor Leah Bromfield and the Honourable Robert Benjamin AM, will hear from victim-survivors, their families and their supporters, as well as from state servants, academics and experts.

The first hearings week from Monday 2 May to Friday 6 May 2022, will focus on:

- The Commission of Inquiry: scope, focus and context
- The nature and effect of child sexual abuse
- Child sexual abuse in institutional settings
- The Tasmanian context: challenges and opportunities for change
- System responses and implementation of the National Royal Commission recommendations.

The second week of hearings, from Monday 9 May to Friday 13 May 2022, will focus on the Department of Education.

Witness lists will be updated daily and published on the Commission's website.

A full [hearings schedule](#) is available on the Commission's website, and below.

Hearings will run from approximately 10.00am to 4.00pm each day.

Members of the public, including the media, are welcome to attend in person or watch the live stream on the Commission's website.

Further hearings may be scheduled if the Commission considers it appropriate to do so.

More information and updates can be found on the Commission's [hearings page](#).

The Commission will hand down its final report and recommendations by 1 May 2023.

Hearings schedule

Monday 2 May – Friday 6 May 2022	Hearing rooms 6A and 7A, Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 38 Barrack Street, Hobart
Monday 9 May – Friday 13 May 2022	Hearing rooms 6A and 7A, Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 38 Barrack Street, Hobart
Tuesday 14 June – Friday 17 June 2022	Hearing rooms 6A and 7A, Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 38 Barrack Street, Hobart
Monday 27 June – Friday 1 July 2022	Clarendon Room, Country Club Tasmania, Country Club Avenue, Prospect Vale, Launceston
Monday 4 July – Friday 8 July 2022	Clarendon Room, Country Club Tasmania, Country Club Avenue, Prospect Vale, Launceston
Monday 1 August – Friday 5 August 2022	Hearing rooms 6A and 7A, Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, 38 Barrack Street, Hobart

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