



MEDIA RELEASE

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Commission of Inquiry: Ashley Youth Detention Centre hearings

The next set of hearings of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings will commence in Hobart tomorrow.

To run for seven days from Thursday 18 to Friday 26 August, these hearings will focus on the Government's responses to allegations and incidents of child sexual abuse in the youth justice system.

In particular, the hearings will focus on the Ashley Youth Detention Centre.

Commissioners the Honourable Marcia Neave AO, Professor Leah Bromfield and the Honourable Robert Benjamin AM SC, will hear from children formerly detained at the Centre, including some who were abused, and their families, as well as state servants, academics and experts.

The evidence heard will be confronting.

The Commission acknowledges the hearings will be a challenging time for many in the Tasmanian community, particularly those directly affected by child sexual abuse.

A list of support organisations is available on the Commission's [website](#).

Details of the hearings are below, as well as further hearings scheduled for September. A full [hearings schedule](#) is available on the Commission's website.

Hearings schedule

Week 6	Thursday 18 August – Friday 19 August 2022	Kannenner Room, Mövenpick Hotel Hobart, 28 Elizabeth Street, Hobart
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Week 7	Monday 22 August – Friday 26 August 2022	Kannenner Room, Mövenpick Hotel Hobart, 28 Elizabeth Street, Hobart
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Week 8	Wednesday 7 September – Friday 9 September 2022	Kannenner Room, Mövenpick Hotel Hobart, 28 Elizabeth Street, Hobart
Week 9	Monday 12 September – Tuesday 13 September 2022	Kannenner Room, Mövenpick Hotel Hobart, 28 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

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

Please note, there will be no live streaming room at this venue.

For those attending, proof of COVID-19 vaccination status will be requested on arrival and masks should be worn on site.

As with previous hearings, witness lists will be updated daily and published on the Commission's website.

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

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