



Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory

MEDIA RELEASE

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Submissions to the Royal Commission now available

The Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory has today published 62 formal submissions received from 59 organisations, peak bodies, academics as well as Non-Government bodies.

These submissions are now available on the [Royal Commission website](#).

More than 320 submissions were received by the Commission and these will continue to be published with consent on an ongoing basis.

Since its inception on 1st August 2016, the Commission has encouraged submissions from across the community to ensure a full and accurate understanding of issues affecting children in the protection and detention in the Northern Territory.

Kirsty Windeyer, Official Secretary for the Royal Commission thanked the individuals and organisations who have taken the time to write and lodge submissions.

“Submissions are one of the important ways the Commission collects information and the contribution of so many individuals and organisations is greatly valued.

“These submissions have helped us understand the issues in child protection and youth detention in the Northern Territory and are of assistance as the Royal Commission formulates recommendations for the future.

“They are an incredibly valuable body of work and I would like to thank all those who took the time to make their views known to the Commission”, said Ms Windeyer.

Submissions published today and available on the website can be found below, listed in alphabetical order.

You can also watch community leaders, experts, academics and advocates [share their thoughts and perspectives](#) on the issues and the solutions as they see them.

Non Publication Direction in respect of Notices of Adverse Material

The Royal Commission has issued an updated [Non Publication Direction](#) in respect of Notices of Adverse Material.



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The purpose of giving draft material and findings to relevant parties is to ensure that they have the opportunity to respond to adverse material. The Commission will review all responses and will then finalise its findings.

[The Non Publication Direction can be found here.](#)

Submissions published 4 September 2017

- Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the Northern Territory
- Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory, Danila Dilba Health Service and Human Rights Law Centre
- Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory
- Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation
- Associate Professor Glenn Ross, Edith Cowan University
- Associate Professor Greg Carne, University of New England
- Association for the Prevention of Torture
- Australian Association of Developmental Disability Medicine
- Australian Medical Association of the Northern Territory
- ANU College of Law Youth Justice Research Group
- Australian Red Cross
- Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth
- Blurred Borders, Legal Aid Western Australia
- Catie Kirk, Miss A.R.T.
- Central Australian Mental Health Service
- Central Australian Youth Link-Up Service
- Central Land Council - October 2016
- Centre for Children's Law and Policy
- Centre for Innovative Justice
- Children's Global Hygiene Foundation
- Comparative Youth Justice Penalty Project, University of New South Wales
- CREATE Foundation
- Deadly Treadlies
- Digital Life Lab, University of Southern Queensland



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- Dismantle Inc
- Domestic and Family Violence Network
- Dr Elizabeth Grant, University of Adelaide
- Dr Jill Guthrie and Prof Michael Levy, Australian National University
- Dr Samantha Disbray
- East Arnhem Mediation
- Hon Gerald McCarthy, Member for Barkly
- Human Rights Law Centre
- Institute of Public Affairs
- Jesuit Social Services
- Justice Action Team
- Kormilda College
- Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation, University of Tasmania
- Life Without Barriers
- Lowitja Institute
- Melbourne Social Equity Institute and Disability Research Initiative, University of Melbourne
- Menzies School of Health Research
- National Drug & Alcohol Research Centre, University of New South Wales
- National Health Leadership Forum
- National Organisation for Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- North Australian Aboriginal Family Legal Service
- Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commission
- Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition
- Paediatrics Department, Alice Springs Hospital
- Perth Children's Court
- Port Macquarie Community College Inc
- Public Interest Advocacy Centre obo First Peoples Disability Network
- Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
- Save the Children
- Sisters Inside
- Speech Pathology Australia
- Sydney Centre for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statistics
- The Australian Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery
- Value Edge
- Valuing Children Initiative