



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

# MEDIA ALERT

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## **Child abuse Inquiry – first submissions on website**

Submissions prepared by organisations to the Family and Community Development Committee's Inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other organisations will be posted on the website today.

Consistent with the usual practice of Parliamentary Inquiries, Committee members will not be commenting on individual submissions or the Inquiry outside of hearings.

### **Further information:**

- *Submissions from victims and representative organisations will be available on the website once they have been formally accepted and processed.*
- *The first public hearings will be held on Friday 19 October and Monday 22 October in Melbourne with details of witnesses available on the Inquiry website closer to the hearing dates.*
- *For further information regarding the Inquiry, please see the Committee website at <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/fcdc/inquiry/340> or phone (03) 8682 2843*
- *Help for victims - including support in preparing for and attending a public hearing and linking people to local support groups and services - is available through the Victims of Crime Helpline on 1800 819 817*
- *For media queries by journalists, please contact Amanda Kennedy on 0409 890 658*