



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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From Committee Chair, Ms Georgie Crozier, MP

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Child abuse reporting deadline extended

Committee Chair, Ms Georgie Crozier, MP said a further request to extend the reporting deadline for the Victorian Inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other organisations has been granted, moving from 30 September 2013 to 15 November 2013.

'We are acutely aware of how important this Inquiry is for victims and that they are awaiting our report with anticipation,' Ms Crozier said.

Ms Crozier said that during deliberations the Committee had sought additional information and the analysis of some matters continues.

'Deliberations are progressing well and it was a unanimous decision of the Committee to seek this extension,' she said.

Further assistance:

- *For further information regarding the Inquiry, including how to register your interest in receiving a hard copy of the report, please see the Committee website at <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/fcdc/inquiry/340> or phone (03) 8682 2843*
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