

## Child Protection Inquiry announces regional hearings

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The Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry has today announced that it will hold hearings in a number of regional and rural centres across Queensland.

Where possible these hearings will be open to the public. However when necessary, for instance to protect vulnerable witnesses, hearings will be closed to the public and the media.

More information about the witnesses to be called in these hearings will be available on the Commission's website in the coming weeks.

The current proposed hearing schedule is as set out below.

Location	Dates
Brisbane	13-14,16 August 20-23 August 27-30 August
Aurukun	3-6 September
Cairns	10-13 September
Townsville	24-27 September
Beenleigh	2-5 October
Mt Isa	15-18 October
Rockhampton	22-25 October
Ipswich	29 October -1 November
Brisbane	5-8 November

Please note that changes may be made to the hearing schedule at short notice, as it is in particular dependent on the availability of witnesses.

The above hearings will not include discussions around Term of Reference 3 e). This topic will be considered during hearings yet to be announced.

**Media note:** Commissioner Carmody will permit a pool camera to film opening remarks and submissions from counsel assisting for television broadcast, as well as still cameras. Please contact the Media Manager on 3405 9783 to discuss arrangements. In Brisbane, a dedicated media room will be provided adjacent to Court 17.

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