

## QCPCI Aurukun hearing

29 August 2012

The Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry will next week travel to Aurukun, in the state's far north, as part of its regional hearings.

A public hearing is scheduled to commence at 10 am on Wednesday 5 September 2012 at the court house on Kang Kang Road, Aurukun.

The Commission is seeking public submissions from community members who have had experience with the child protection system.

The Commission's terms of reference allow the Inquiry to investigate matters including the Queensland Government's response to children and families in the child protection system, the transition of children exiting the system, and the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in child protection.

"Public submissions will be an essential part of the material considered by the Inquiry," said Commissioner Carmody.

"I'm interested in both good and bad experiences – we need to know what works and what doesn't," he said.

If anyone has information that could assist the Inquiry an online form can be accessed on the Commission's website. This is the preferred and most secure way of making a submission.

For those who are not comfortable making a written submission the Commission will also be available to speak privately to community members on Tuesday 4 September, 2012 from 9 am at the Family Responsibility Commission Conference Room, CJG Building Wuungkah Street, Aurukun.

More information about making a submission is available at [www.childprotectioninquiry.qld.gov.au/submissions](http://www.childprotectioninquiry.qld.gov.au/submissions). Further to this, an explanatory video can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eijah3NyZVU&feature=youtu.be>

The first round of submissions will close on September 28.

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