

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION



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Dear Revd Costelloe

Inquiry into the Children and Community Services Amendment Bill 2019

On 25 June 2020 the Legislative Council referred the Children and Community Services Amendment Bill 2019 (Bill) to the Committee for inquiry and report by 15 September 2020.

The Bill amends the *Children and Community Services Act 2004* to implement recommendations of the:

- Final Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- statutory review of the Act.

As part of its consultation, the Committee invites you to provide a written submission on matters relating to the Bill, such as its scope, purpose, structure and policy.

The text of the Bill is on the Parliamentary website [Current Bills](#) page.

The closing date for submissions is **Friday, 24 July 2020**. Submissions received after that date are unlikely to be considered. If you are unable to present your submission by the closing date, please contact the Committee Clerk.

To lodge your submission online please use the submission portal at www.parliament.wa.gov.au/subportal and follow the prompts. The portal will accept a free text submission in the box provided or the following file types: doc, docx, pdf, rtf, jpg and png. The portal has a combined total size limit of 9.5Mb.

Information about making submissions can be found on the [Parliamentary website](#).

Submissions are confidential until the Committee releases them. You should not disclose your submission to others until the Committee authorises its public release.

It is normal practice for submissions to be published at some stage during the inquiry. These submissions are then available to the public on request and may be placed on the Internet by the Committee.

It is important that any request not to publish your identity or all or part of the submission be attached to the submission when it is lodged, including your reasons. The Committee will consider requests for confidentiality, but retains the power to publish any submission.

The Committee may decide to hold hearings at a later date. If you wish to appear at the hearing, please make that request on the online submission portal.

If you require assistance to lodge your submission or have other enquiries please contact:

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Yours sincerely



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