

CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION

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Ms Lisa Baker, MLA Chair Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner For Children and Young People Parliament House PERTH WA 6000



Dear Ms Baker

INVITATION TO MAKE A SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO THE FUNCTIONS EXERCISED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Thank you for your letter of 10 December 2014 inviting the Commission to make a submission to the Inquiry.

It is noted that the Inquiry's focus is on how the functions of the Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP) as covered in the recent *Review of the Commissioner for Children and Young People Act 2006* will impact on the operation of a proposed child abuse complaints function.

The Commission is pleased to have been asked to make a submission and comment on the Inquiry and wishes to convey its full agreement and support for the Committee's determination to ensure that the CCYP becomes a dependable avenue for the reporting of child abuse complaints.

Over the course of the last year or so, the Commission has interacted with the office of the CCYP in various ways including attending relevant seminars to do with the CCYP's complaints process and responding to the survey covering the work of the CCYP. This association has added to the Commission's

info@ccc.wa.gov.au www.ccc.wa.gov.au understanding of the processes and practices for managing notifications from children and young people as well as from other minority complainants. The Commission does not however have any observations that would usefully progress the specific issues raised in this Inquiry at the present time.

Yours faithfully

Neil Douglas

ACTING COMMISSIONER