



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MEDIA ALERT

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Child abuse Inquiry – December hearing dates

Hearing dates for the remainder of 2012 have been released for Inquiry into the handling of child abuse by religious and other organisations.

The first hearing outside Melbourne will be held at the Mechanics' Institute in Ballarat next Friday 7 December 2012. The Committee anticipates it will return to Ballarat early next year as there are a large number of victims to hear from in the region.

There will also be hearings in Melbourne on 10 and 17 December.

Further information:

- *For further information regarding the Inquiry, please see the Committee website at <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/fcdc/inquiry/340> or phone (03) 8682 2843*
- *Help for victims - including support in preparing for and attending a public hearing and linking people to local support groups and services - is available through the Victims of Crime Helpline on 1800 819 817*
- *For media queries by journalists, please contact Amanda Kennedy on 0409 890 658*