Inquiry begins on management of child sex offender information

The Legislative Council's Legal and Social Issues Committee has commenced an inquiry into the management of child sex offender information.

Public submissions to the inquiry can be made via an online submission form.

"This inquiry is looking into how information in relation to child sex offenders is kept and the circumstances under which it is released to the public," Committee Chair Fiona Patten said.

"The Committee will also be looking at how child sexual offences can be prevented through increased public awareness," Ms Patten said.

"In undertaking this inquiry, the Committee wants to ensure that the way child sex offender information is managed and made available is done in the public interest and can help to reduce incidences of this terrible crime," Ms Patten said.

The terms of reference for the inquiry have a specific focus on information management and release.

"The Committee requests that any submissions made to this inquiry address the specific matters covered by the inquiry's terms of reference," Ms Patten said.

The terms of reference are available from the Committee's website.

The Committee will accept public submissions until further notice.

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