



House of Assembly Government Administration Committee B

MEDIA RELEASE

SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR INQUIRY INTO TASMANIA POLICE RESPONSES TO ALLEGATIONS OF OFFICER MISCONDUCT

20 July 2026

The Standing Committee on Government Administration B has resolved to conduct an inquiry into Tasmania Police responses to allegations of officer misconduct, with reference to the following:-

- 1) The adequacy of systems, processes and oversight arrangements for responding to allegations of serious misconduct within Tasmania Police, including sexual misconduct and family violence;
- 2) The culture of Tasmania Police in relation to matters or allegations of misconduct;
- 3) The response from Tasmania Police and the Tasmanian Government to the Paul Reynolds matter – including the limited scope of inquiry into his conduct prior to the Weiss Review, and the decision to hold a police funeral; and
- 4) Any other related matters.

The Committee now invites interested persons or organisations to make written submissions to the Committee by the closing date of **Friday 4 September 2026**. An advertisement calling for submissions will be placed in the three regional newspapers on Saturday 25 July 2026.

The Committee may accept evidence in a range of formats including written submissions, in-person evidence at a public hearing, private roundtable meetings, or other formats as required. The Committee is committed to a trauma-informed approach at all times, and it is the Committee's intention to consult with expert stakeholder organisations throughout the inquiry to ensure this occurs.

While evidence which details personal individual experiences is valuable to the Committee, **the Committee does not have the power to conduct investigations into, or reviews of, individual cases, or facilitate the reopening of any previous criminal investigations**. Such matters received by the Committee may be referred to the appropriate authorities after consultation with the submitter. Any mandatory reporting requirements applying to Members of Parliament will be adhered to.

Committee Members recognise that the evidence received in submissions may discuss highly sensitive matters and themes that have deeply impacted the lives of Tasmanians and may be distressing for some people.

If you feel distressed as a result of the sensitive content of the Inquiry, please contact one of the following resources:

- Lifeline Tasmania Helpline on 13 11 14 or via text at 0477 13 11 14 for 24/7 mental health support;
- State-Wide Sexual Assault Support Line on 1800 697 877 for 24/7 support provided by Sexual Assault Support Service and Laurel House;
- 1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732, via text at 0458 737 732, or via webchat at <https://1800respect.org.au> for 24/7 counselling and information support for domestic, family and sexual violence;
- 13 YARN on 13 92 76 for crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People;
- QLife on 1800 184 527 or via webchat at <https://qlife.org.au/get-help> for support from 3pm to 9pm for members of the LGBTIQ+ community or those who support them;
- Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800 or via webchat at <https://kidshelpline.com.au> for 24/7 support for children and young people aged 5 to 25 years; or
- Retired Police Association Tasmania Inc. Peer Support Line on 0487 623 188.

For further information about the Inquiry please visit the Inquiry website:

<https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/committees/house-of-assembly/standing-committees/government-administration-committee-b/inquiries/inquiry-into-tasmania-police-responses-to-allegations-of-officer-misconduct>

Enquiries and submissions should be directed to:-

The Secretary, Government Administration Committee B, House of Assembly, Parliament House, Hobart, TAS, 7000, or email: policeinquiry@parliament.tas.gov.au

Please note enquiries about the Committee's Inquiry should not be directed to the electorate offices of Committee Members.

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