



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE NO. 5 – JUSTICE AND COMMUNITIES

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NEW INQUIRY INTO IDENTITY PROTECTIONS FOR PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING CHILDREN

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The NSW Legislative Council's Portfolio Committee No. 5 – Justice and Communities has commenced a new inquiry into identity protections for proceedings involving children.

Hon Robert Borsak MLC, Chair of the committee stated: "This inquiry has been established to examine the adequacy of existing identity protections for any accused person in the Children's Court or in proceedings conducted pursuant to the *Children (Criminal Proceedings) Act 1987*.

"We will be looking closely at the existing legal safeguards in place to protect the identity of children involved these types of proceedings. This includes an examination of the reporting and sanctioning mechanisms available and whether they are adequate to safeguard a child's right to privacy", the Chair added.

The committee welcomes submissions from interested stakeholders. The closing date for submissions is **Sunday 30 November 2025**.

For more information about the inquiry, see the inquiry webpage: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=3151#tab-termsofreference>.

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