



CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE LESS LIKELY TO FINISH SCHOOL

Victoria is launching an inquiry to understand why

Victoria's commissioner for children and young people, Liana Buchanan, is launching a systemic inquiry into the schooling experience of those in out-of-home care.

As pressures on the education system continue, Buchanan says the more vulnerable students will suffer the most.

Even before the pandemic, those in care were less likely to finish school than those who weren't. Those figures have become even more dire since 2020, Buchanan says, citing department data she is not authorised to share publicly.

As the Andrews government comes to the end of its current term, and with the education inquiry to be the fourth investigation Buchanan's team has done into system-wide failures in the child welfare system, she admits she is "losing patience".

The Commissioner invites anyone with experience in the care system to make a submission to the inquiry. This could be by responding through a written, video or audio submission.

The closing date for submissions is 29 July 2022.

Individuals and organisations can make a written submission, audio or video recording. Please email it to engage@ccyp.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to someone at the Commission, please contact Senior Engagement Officer, Jason Mannes, on 0438 351 889 or engage@ccyp.vic.gov.au.