

Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry, South Australia

2004 – 2008

Other Names: • Mullighan Inquiry

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Details

The Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry began in November 2004 under the terms of The Commission of Inquiry (Children in State Care) Act 2004. It produced its final report in March 2008. The terms of reference of the Inquiry were to investigate allegations of sexual abuse of children in State care and allegations of criminal conduct resulting in the death of children in State care.

The Honourable EP Mullighan QC began his role as Commissioner role in December 2004. During the Inquiry 792 people sat with Commissioner Mullighan and told of incidents of child sexual abuse. These hearings identified 1592 allegations dating from the 1930s to the early 2000s. The Inquiry also received the names of 924 children alleged to have died while in State care.

The Inquiry investigated each of these allegations and produced a 564 page report which found that 'in the past 65 years the State has failed to protect some of the children in its care from sexual abuse'. The report included 54 recommendations aimed at implementing strategies to prevent abuse, protect vulnerable children, support disclosure and respond effectively.

The term, person in care (abbreviated as PIC), was developed as part of the Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry in South Australia 2004-2008 as a way of referring to people anonymously in its report.

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- [Farr House \(1935 - 1982\)](#)
- [Kennion House \(1955 - 1982\)](#)
- [Convent of the Good Shepherd "The Pines" \(1942 - 1974\)](#)
- [St Vincent de Paul Orphanage \(1866 - 1975\)](#)
- [Campbell House Farm School, Meningie \(1959 - 1963\)](#)
- [Glandore Industrial School \(1949 - 1958\)](#)
- [Lochiel Park Boys' Training Centre \(1958 - 1995\)](#)
- [Seaforth Convalescent Home \(1921 - 1946\)](#)
- [Struan Farm School, Naracoorte \(1947 - 1969\)](#)

- [Allambi Girls' Hostel \(1947 - 1977\)](#)
- [Davenport House \(1964 - 1977\)](#)
- [Kumanka Boys' Hostel \(1946 - 1980\)](#)
- [Nindee Hostel \(1971 - current\)](#)
- [Stuart House Boys' Hostel \(1964 - 1990\)](#)
- [Clark Cottage, Clarence Park \(1963 - 1979\)](#)
- [Fullarton Cottage, Myrtle Bank \(1970 - 1979\)](#)
- [Hay Cottage, Lockleys \(1968 - 1979\)](#)
- [Merrilama Cottage, Glenelg \(1960 - 1979\)](#)
- [Slade Cottage, Glandore/Somerton Park \(1973 - 1988\)](#)
- [Stirling Cottage, St Peters \(1962 - 1979\)](#)
- [Unit Living, Marion \(1974 - 1990\)](#)
- [Koonibba Children's Home \(1913 - 1963\)](#)
- [The Salvation Army Boys' Home, Mount Barker \(1945 - 1982\)](#)
- [The Salvation Army Boys' Home, Kent Town \(1929 - 1972\)](#)
- [The Salvation Army Girls' Home, Fullarton \(1945 - 1969?\)](#)
- [Colebrook Home \(1927 - 1981\)](#)
- [Gerard Mission \(1946 - 1974\)](#)
- [Oodnadatta Children's Home \(1924 - 1974\)](#)
- [Minda Home for Weak-Minded Children \(1898 - 1911\)](#)
- [Kennion Cottage \(1984 - 1990\)](#)
- [Rose Cottage \(1983 - 1993\)](#)
- [Smith Street Cottage \(1976 - 1984\)](#)
- [Central Region Admission Unit \(1979 - 1980\)](#)
- [Campbelltown Community Unit \(1995 - current\)](#)
- [Enfield Community Unit \(1990 - current\)](#)
- [Gilles Plains Community Unit \(1979 - 1990\)](#)
- [Lochiel Park Community Unit \(1995 - 2008?\)](#)
- [North Adelaide Community Unit \(1990 - 1997\)](#)
- [Northern Region Admission Unit \(1979 - 1990\)](#)
- [Southern Region Admission Unit \(1979 - c. 1990\)](#)
- [Southern Region Group Home \(1979 - 1990\)](#)
- [Western Region Admission Unit \(1980 - 1986\)](#)
- [The Children's Home at Walkerville \(1886 - 1904\)](#)
- [The Church of England Boys' Home at Walkerville \(1903 - 1955\)](#)
- [Glandore Children's Home \(1958 - 1966\)](#)
- [Glandore Boys' Home \(1966 - 1973\)](#)
- [Seaforth Home \(1946 - 1975\)](#)
- [The Orphan Home \(1860 - 1935\)](#)
- [Clarence Park Assessment Unit \(c. 1990 - c. 1992\)](#)
- [Hay Community Unit \(1979 - 1989\)](#)
- [Girls' Probationary School \(1901 - 1945\)](#)
- [Fullarton Children's Home \(1969 - 1986\)](#)
- [Boys' Probationary School \(1900 - 1945\)](#)
- [Minda Home \(1911 - 1976\)](#)
- [Gilles Plains Assessment Unit \(1992 - current\)](#)
- [Pleasant Avenue Cottage \(1975 - 1979\)](#)
- [Sturt Assessment Unit \(1995 - current\)](#)
- [Minda Inc. \(1976 - current\)](#)
- [Elizabeth Grace Community Unit \(1975 - 1979\)](#)
- [Exodus Youth Shelter \(1985 - 1990?\)](#)
- [Otherway House \(1983 - 1984\)](#)

Resources

- George, Karen, [*Finding Your Own Way*](#), 2005
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