

# Independent Review of the Expungement of Historical Offences Act 2017

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Dear Stakeholder

## **REVIEW OF THE EXPUNGEMENT OF HISTORICAL OFFENCES ACT 2017 CALL FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS**

In accordance with section 32 of the *Expungement of Historical Offences Act 2017* (the Act), the Minister for Justice, the Honourable Elise Archer MP, has engaged me to undertake an independent review of the operation of the Act. Ms Taya Ketelaar-Jones has also been engaged to assist with the review. We are due to report to the Minister by 8 October 2020.

A call for written submissions has been published on the Department of Justice website. Public notices calling for submissions will also be placed in the three major Tasmanian newspapers on Wednesday 12 August 2020 and Saturday 15 August 2020. I write to draw your attention to the call for written submissions and specifically invite a written submission from your organisation.

For your convenience I enclose a copy of the public notice setting out the terms of reference for the review and any other matters relevant to the making of written submissions. I note that the closing date for written submissions is 31 August 2020. As specified in the public notice, persons making submissions may request their submission to be treated as confidential, in full or in part, and should set out in writing the basis for such a request. Requests for confidentiality will be determined by Ms Ketelaar-Jones and I as the independent reviewers. Submitters are also invited to indicate whether they wish to make oral submissions to the review. Oral submissions will be taken in private.

I look forward to receiving your written submission.

Yours sincerely



Melanie Bartlett  
**Independent Reviewer**

10 August 2020