



## QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

### PROCEDURAL GUIDELINE 02-2012

#### **Authority to appear and legal representation at public sittings**

1. When the Commission sits in public, interested parties may be entitled to appear with or without legal representation at the Commission hearings either generally or from time to time.
2. However, appearances and representation will only be allowed by leave of the Commission.
3. Leave to appear entitles a person to whom it is granted to participate in the proceedings of the Commission subject to the Commissioner's control and to such extent as he considers appropriate.
4. Authority to appear or be legally represented before the Commission may be varied or withdrawn by the Commissioner or made subject to additional conditions at any time.
5. Those who wish to apply for leave to appear, if they have not already done so, should forward to the Executive Director of the Commission a written application:
  - (a) identifying the person or organisation whose interests are affected;
  - (b) naming the lawyer or other person proposed to represent the applicant if leave is granted;
  - (c) specifying the terms of reference the applicant is interested in;
  - (d) explaining the basis on which it is said the applicant's interests are sufficiently connected with or likely to be materially affected by the work of the Commission bearing in mind the Terms of Reference published on the Commission's website; and
  - (e) providing an address for correspondence or service of documentation.
6. The application and accompanying submissions must be received by the Commission no later than 3 August 2012.
7. Where appearance or representation is clearly justified leave may be granted ex parte. A proposed Commission witness is a common example.
8. In other cases the Commission may formally convene at a time to be advised for further argument before a final decision is made.

#### **Variations**

9. This guideline may be subject to variation, change or replacement without notice at any time.