



A message from the 
Principal Commissioner
Queensland Family & Child Commission

Thank you for your interest in the Queensland Family and Child Commission's (QFCC) systems review and report "*Remembering Tiahleigh – A report into Queensland's children missing from out of home care*".

The loss of a child is always devastating. Tiahleigh's tragic death not only deeply affected her family but the entire Queensland community.

All children and young people have a right to be safe, nurtured and loved whatever their circumstances. As a community we must have confidence in the systems which support our children.

In November 2015, the Queensland Premier requested the QFCC undertake a broad whole of government systems review into children who may go missing from out of home care. It is not the QFCC's role to investigate the particular circumstances of the deaths of individual children.

The QFCC's report of the review was provided to the Queensland Government in June 2016. The government accepted all 29 recommendations of the report designed to achieve whole of government system improvements in responding to children missing from out of home care.

The recommended improvements included speedier responses to reports of missing children from out of home care, marked cultural shifts across agencies particularly with language used to describe missing children, stronger media campaigns and improved information sharing between agencies.

The QFCC received excellent cooperation from Queensland Police, the Education Department and Child Safety Services. Urgent recommendations were implemented while the review was underway.

All recommendations from the report have now been implemented, with direct improvements to the cooperation between agencies in finding missing children.

The QFCC continues to monitor all recommendations.

The report is available on the QFCC's website at <https://www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/when-a-child-is-missing>

Regards

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