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## Media Release

### ***Children's Commissioner clarifies process for reports conducted under Act***

The Commissioner for Children and Young People and Child Guardian, Ms Elizabeth Fraser, would like to clarify the process regarding the release of the *Indigenous Child Placement Principle Audit Report 2008*.

"I would like to clear up any confusion over statements about the Commission's auditing of procedures for placing Indigenous children in out-of-home care," Ms Fraser said.

"Contrary to some reports in the media, the Commission's auditing process has been comprehensive and meets my obligations under the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000*.

"As with all my reports, I undertook a consultation process in order to fulfil my obligations under the Act to operate in a collaborative manner to achieve better outcomes for children and young people.

"I always encourage feedback on my reports and take feedback I receive seriously.

"As this is an inaugural report, it was particularly important for key stakeholders to be consulted and participate in the process.

"I am pleased that this inaugural report has promoted significant discussion among stakeholders about how best to measure compliance with the Indigenous Child Placement Principle.

"Like all draft reports, this report has been edited, revised and refined prior to publication, however, the 28 recommendations have not changed and remain the same.

"I am obliged by the legislative framework I operate under to carry out my functions independently to promote the best interests of children which is something I take very seriously.

"This report will allow us to work with stakeholders to achieve significant improvements to systems, policies and procedures which will support the operation of the Indigenous Child Placement Principle and lead to better outcomes for Indigenous children and young people in future," Ms Fraser said.

The report is available on the Commission's website at  
<http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au/about/publications/reports.html>

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