



04-05 ANNUAL REPORT



A better life for Queensland children and young people,
particularly those most vulnerable.

The Honourable Peter Beattie MP
Premier and Treasurer
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Premier

I would like to present the Annual Report for the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian for 2004-05. It outlines the Commission's key goals and priorities and details its performance for 2004-05, including key achievements. The report has been written in accordance with the provisions of section 46J of the *Financial Administration and Audit Act 1977*.

I believe this account shows how the Commission's expanded responsibilities and functions have enabled its staff to better oversee and protect the rights, interests and wellbeing of Queensland's children and young people, particularly those most vulnerable.

From this financial year this report will be complemented by an Annual Report on child deaths in Queensland, to be released each October, as well as the Child Death Case Review Committee's report into its reviews of the deaths of children in contact with the child safety system.

In addition, a report on all the Commission's Child Guardian functions will be released each calendar year, with the first due in the first quarter of 2006.

Elizabeth Fraser
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and Child Guardian