

MEDIA RELEASE

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National Children's Commissioner to launch report on children's safety

Australia's National Children and Young People's Commissioner, Megan Mitchell, will launch a report in Canberra on Monday which reports on children and young people's views about safety in institutions.

This report, *Taking Us Seriously: Children and young people talk about safety and institutional responses to their safety concerns*, is part of a study being conducted by Australian Catholic University's (ACU) [Institute of Child Protection Studies](#) (ICPS), in partnership with Griffith University and the Queensland University of Technology. It has been commissioned by the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse*, and is exploring what children and young people think about safety in institutional contexts.

This report outlines the findings from focus groups with 121 children and young people aged 4 – 18 across Australia. Project researchers will present the report findings at the launch. The full report is available [here](#).

"This study is the first of its type and scope to engage directly with children and young people about issues of safety in institutions," said Project Manager and ICPS Senior Research Fellow, Dr Tim Moore.

Findings from the report also informed the development of a [national online survey](#) of children and young people aged 10 – 18 years, which is open until the end of September.

Launch details:

Date: Monday 17 August 2015
Time: 11am – 1pm
Venue: Dickson College, Phillip Ave, Dickson ACT

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