

# Weiss Independent Review

## Submissions open this week for Weiss Independent Review

Submissions will open this week in relation to the independent review about former police officer Paul Reynolds.

Ms Regina Weiss, a highly regarded barrister with many years of experience leading independent reviews, said that submissions from witnesses or members of the public will be open from Thursday until 30 November.

“Individuals are invited to assist with this Review by sharing knowledge, experiences or information which relate to Paul Reynolds. Any information relating to historical complaints made about Paul Reynolds including to other police officers, and the handling of those complaints, is also sought,” Ms Weiss said.

Members of the public can provide written submissions, anonymously if they wish, and/or register interest in a private session.

“All submissions will be treated as confidential, unless otherwise agreed.”

Ms Weiss intends to conduct private sessions in the north, north-west and south.

Dates for these sessions will be publicised in coming weeks.

Ms Weiss said that it was important that the independent review was conducted in a trauma-informed way.

“In my experience, victim-survivors should not be compelled to provide evidence in the context of a review of this kind in order to maintain a trauma-informed approach,” she said.

“Compelling other witnesses, including witnesses who may or may not have been involved in misconduct or criminal conduct can result in evidentiary difficulties for any future processes including prosecutions.

“If, in the course of my review, evidence regarding other police officers who may have been involved in child sex abuse or other criminal conduct is provided, appropriate referrals will be made. Anyone who wishes to be heard, will be heard.”

Anyone who wishes to make a written submission or register interest in a private session should email [submissions@weissindependentreview.tas.gov.au](mailto:submissions@weissindependentreview.tas.gov.au) from 10am Thursday.