

**Additional information received from the Department of Social Services, 11 August 2021**

Thank you for the invitation to the National Centre for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse (the National Centre), via the Department of Social Services, to make a written submission to the Inquiry into law enforcement capabilities in relation to child exploitation. The National Centre was recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse to raise awareness of the impact of child sexual abuse, build workforce capability to respond to victims and survivors, and undertake research and evaluation. Once established, the National Centre will be independent of government. The department is currently conducting a procurement process to select a suitable entity to establish the National Centre, which is expected to be operational by the end of 2021.

As the National Centre is yet to be established, the department will not make a submission on its behalf. Once established the National Centre will likely be interested in the outcomes of the Inquiry. The department is happy to provide the Committee with details of the selected supplier once the procurement process has been finalised to facilitate any further engagement.