



***Future Directions in Queensland Child Protection - A Q&A Session with
Mr Michael Hogan, Director General, Department of Communities, Child
Safety and Disability Services***

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Topic:

The December 2013 CPPAQ Practice Paper gave members a unique opportunity to hear from Judge Tim Carmody about his experiences heading the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry (QCPCI). This Practice Paper will be a Q & A session with Mr Michael Hogan- the newly appointed Director General of the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services. He will be given an opportunity to outline the government's response to the Inquiry report and explore future directions in Queensland Child Protection.

Speaker:

Michael Hogan was appointed as Director-General, Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services in April 2014.

Michael has held various senior executive roles in the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services and its predecessors, as well as in Premiers departments in both Queensland and New South Wales.

Michael also spent 10 years in the non-government sector. His first real job, three decades ago, was working on the reform of child welfare and juvenile justice legislation in New South Wales.

Background:

On 30 June 2013 the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry (QCPCI) led by his Honour Judge Tim Carmody (now the Chief Magistrate) delivered its report *Taking Responsibility: A roadmap for Queensland Child Protection*. The Commission was "tasked with making affordable, sustainable, deliverable and effective recommendations for legislative and operational reform as well as strategies to reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children at all stages of the child protection system." (QCPCI Vol 1, p.xvii)

The inquiry report can be found here:

http://www.childprotectioninquiry.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/202625/QCPCI-FINAL-REPORT-web-version.pdf

On 16 December 2013 the Queensland Government released its response to the report. The government made a commitment to implement 115 of the 121 recommendations and gave in principle support for the remaining 6. The government response can be found here:

Media Release: <http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/2013/12/16/new-era-for-child-protection>

Government's Response: <http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/resources/reform-renewal/gg-response-child-protection-inquiry.pdf>