



# Commissioner's Colloquium\*

Number 2 of 2009

## “VISITING CHILDREN - PERSPECTIVES OF INDEPENDENCE”

\**col·lo·qui·um* (kə-lō'kwē-əm) n. pl. *col·lo·qui·a* (-kwē-ə) [Latin, *colloquī*, to talk together: *com-* + *loquī*, to speak; see *talk-* in Indo-European roots.]

1. An informal meeting for the exchange of views.
2. An academic seminar on a broad field of study, usually led by a different lecturer at each meeting.

### INVITATION

This Colloquium focuses on various rationales for visits to children and young people in State care – as the subjects of care orders, or under residential, foster or custodial care. How can the voice of such disempowered people be confidently obtained, validated and verified? What imperatives and conflicts arise from the different responsibilities of funder, service provider, service accreditation and corporate model parent?

Time & Date	<b>9:30 am – 3:00pm</b> <b>Friday May 15, 2009</b>
Venue	<b>Baha'i Centre of Learning, enter from ABC end Macquarie Street, Hobart</b>
Opening	<b>Hon Lin Thorp MLC, Minister for Human Services</b>
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• INTRODUCTION: Paul Mason, Commissioner for Children, Tasmania</li><li>• KEYNOTE: Michael S. Piraino, CEO, National Association of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Seattle, USA</li><li>• CREATE Foundation: Perspectives from In Care</li></ul> <p>THE AUSTRALIAN PERSPECTIVE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pam Simmons, Guardian for Children and Young People, SA – The Guardian's Advocacy Service</li><li>• Mark Byrne, Director, Disability, Child Youth &amp; Family Services, DHHS, Tasmania – The Tasmanian Policy Focus</li><li>• Alasdair Roy, Children &amp; Young People Commissioner, ACT – Individual &amp; systemic advocacy for children and young people in statutory care</li><li>• Barry Salmon, Assistant Commissioner Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian, QLD – Current Strategic Directions in the CCYPCG Community Visitor Scheme</li></ul>

RSVP Essential  
By May 07, 2009 for catering  
Morning Tea and Lunch provided

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