Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says the scope for the review by Dr Howard Bath, NT Children’s Commissioner needs to be wider reaching.

The review must investigate the culture of the Department of Children and Families and the working relationship and communications it has with other Departments says Gerry.

Public hearings must be held so members of the public can attend. The people affected by the recent sad cases must have the opportunity to address Dr Bath as should others in child protection agencies, government and non-government. A completion date needs to be set and the review made public.

Gerry said if the review is not wide enough he will support the call for a fully independent inquiry.

*Gerry will not be available for comment until after 4pm.*