

Royal Commission Submission

Please complete this form to the best of your ability and send it to the Royal Commission at:

GPO Box 5283 Sydney NSW 2001
OR
contact@childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au

Legal assistance

All information provided to the Royal Commission is protected by law.

Most people do not need legal assistance to talk to the Royal Commission. However, if you have legal questions or concerns about telling your story to the Royal Commission, you can contact Knowmore, a free legal advisory service.

For more information visit www.knowmore.org.au or free call Knowmore on 1800 605 762.

Questions that may help you share your story with the Royal Commission

What is your name?

What is current address?

What are your contact detail?

Phone:

Mobile Phones:

Email:

Postal Address (if different from above):

Do you want the Royal Commission to contact you?

- Yes
 No

What happened

1. Are you telling us about child sexual abuse that happened to you?

- Yes, it happened to me
- No, it happened to someone else. What is your relationship to that person?

2. Where did the sexual abuse happen? If you can remember, tell us:

- Institution
- City/Town
- State

3. When, or around when, did the abuse happen? If you can remember, provide us with a date, or a range of dates. Can you remember your age at the time?

4. Can you tell us what happened?

5. Did anyone else see what happened?

- Yes. Who?
- No/not sure

6. Did you tell anyone about it around the time when it happened?

- Yes. Who?
- No

Reporting to the institution

1. Did you report the sexual abuse to the institution?

- Yes
- No

2. Who at the institution did you tell about it? If you can remember, tell us their name and/or position.

3. What did you tell them?

4. When, or around when, did you tell them? If you can remember, provide us with the date or range of dates.

5. Did you put it in writing?

- Yes. Do you have a copy of it?
- No

6. Did you wait some time before telling the institution?

- Yes. If yes, why?
- No

The Institutions Response

1. Did the institution do anything when you told it about the sexual abuse?

- Yes
- No/not sure

2. How did the institution first respond?

3. What else did the institution do about it?

4. Did the institution investigate what happened to you?

- Yes. If yes, how did they investigate?
- No/Not sure

5. Did you feel encouraged by the institution for reporting the abuse?

- Yes. Why?
- No. Why not?

6. Did the institution offer you any help or support?

- Yes. What help did they offer you?
- No (Skip to question 9)

7. Did you accept the help or support they offered?

- Yes
- No

8. To accept their help or support, did you have to agree to any conditions (like keeping it confidential)?

- Yes. What were those conditions?
- No

9. Did the institution accept responsibility for what happened?

- Yes. How? For example, did they apologise to you personally or in a public statement?
- No

10. Did the institution encourage you to report the abuse to the police?

- Yes
- No

Reporting to the police

1. Did you report the sexual abuse to the police?

- Yes
- No. Was there a reason why you didn't? Would you like us to report it for you?

2. If you reported the abuse to the police, who did you tell? Where and when? If you can remember, provide the police officer's name, police station and the date.

3. What did the police do?

4. Did the police charge the accused person?

- Yes
- No/Not sure

5. Did you give evidence in a criminal case?

- Yes
- No

6. What was the result for the accused person?

Compensation

1. Did you seek compensation for the sexual abuse?

- Yes
- No

2. How did you seek compensation? For example, did you go to court, attend mediation, go through a formal compensation process, or approach the institution directly?

3. Did you receive a compensation payment?

- Yes. How much was the payment? Was it enough? Who paid it?
- No

4. Were there any conditions attached (like keeping it confidential)?

- Yes. What were they?
- No

5. Did you have help from a lawyer when you sought compensation?

- Yes
- No. Did the institution encourage you to seek independent legal advice before agreeing to any compensation?
- Yes
- No

6. How long did it take for you to receive compensation, from when you first requested it?

7. Were you satisfied with the compensation process?

- Yes. Why?
- No. Why not?

Support

1. Have you received any emotional or psychological support since the sexual abuse?

- Yes
- No

2. What support if any, have you had?

3. What support if any, are you getting now?

4. Is there any support you would like to have?

Other inquiries

1. Have you told your story of child sexual abuse to another inquiry?

- Yes
- No

2. If yes, which inquiry was it? What was its name?

3. How did you tell your story to that inquiry?

- Made a written submission
- Gave evidence in public
- Gave evidence in private.

Your recommendations for change

1. Please let us know if you have suggestions that we should consider, or any other information you would like to share with us.

2. Do you have suggestions for changes to the institution's policies or procedures?

3. Is there anything you would like us to recommend to the government?

4. Is there anything else you would like to share with the Royal Commission?

Can we use any part of your story if we take out people's names and other identifying details?

- Yes
- No

Signature

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Date

Contact the Royal Commission

General enquiries

8am - 8pm AEST/AEDT Monday to Friday (excluding national public holidays).

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