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Dear Editor,

We write in response to your editorial 'No Redress for the Wicked', Saturday 16 June 2018.

Had comment been sought prior to publication we would have reiterated the clear position of the Marist, Christian and De La Salle Brothers to participate in a fully national redress scheme with the involvement of every state and territory.

This position was stated in evidence before the Royal Commission in February 2017 and is unchanged. Further, it has been reiterated to the Commonwealth during the development of the national redress scheme.

As of today there is no national redress scheme in existence, the Commonwealth Bill is only now passing the Senate and the necessary enabling legislation required in every state, has not been passed.

In fact Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania will not pass legislation until late 2018 meaning those who suffered abuse in those states will be forced to wait even longer before their applications can be processed.

Unlike those who have suffered abuse in other institutions, including those administered by the Commonwealth and State Governments, any person who has endured abuse at any of our institutions – and indeed the Catholic Church as a whole – has been able to seek redress for the past 20 plus years and can continue to do so.

They do not have to wait for the Commonwealth to deliver on the promise of redress, years after it was first recommended by the Royal Commission.

This existing approach to redress is strikingly similar to what the Commonwealth is proposing at a national level – personal apology, counselling and monetary payments.



As the Commonwealth continues to try to achieve a fully operational national redress scheme by the 1st July – or after that date - we will continue to provide those who have suffered abuse with redress without delay.

Yours sincerely,

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