



MEDIA RELEASE

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS OCEANIA ACCEPTED INTO THE NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME

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Yesterday the Christian Brothers Oceania Province was formally accepted into the National Redress Scheme.

The Minister for Social Services, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, made the declaration (<https://ministers.dss.gov.au/media-releases/4591>) and now any person who has experienced abuse in any of our facilities can have their application for redress assessed.

The Christian Brothers formally committed to joining the National Redress Scheme when it commenced operation and the declaration today is the culmination of many months' work on our application to be accepted.

It now means that the survivors of institutional child sexual abuse have another way to seek acknowledgment of what they have endured and to have access to personal approach including apology, counselling and monetary redress payments in a process independent of the Christian Brothers.

We openly and fully accept the terrible legacy of child sexual abuse committed in our institutions by religious brothers and lay staff.

That such events ever occurred is a matter of deep sorrow and profound regret. We apologise unreservedly for it.

Should any person not wish to use the National Redress Scheme, they can still seek assistance including apology, counselling and compensation by contacting the Professional Standards Office of the Christian Brothers on (03) 8359 0134.

Ends.

Contact 03 8359 0134.