

Alliance for   
Forgotten Australians

Patron: Jack Thompson

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Prime Minister  
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Dear Prime Minister

**Re: Fairness and Justice for the Forgotten Australians**

The Alliance for the Forgotten Australians (AFA) is seeking your support to prevent further trauma for people who have survived child abuse in institutional care settings. These people live in your electorate and look to you for leadership to achieve justice.

In the near future the Australian Government will receive the final report on redress and civil litigation from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. This will be an authoritative statement on a vital issue backed by moral force. Rightly, it will challenge federal and state governments and charitable institutions to endorse and implement its findings. However, we are concerned that the Commission may take a narrow view of its terms of reference and recommend a redress scheme which excludes many people.

We ask that you do everything in your power to ensure that a redress and civil litigation scheme meets the needs of survivors of any form of criminal abuse – physical, emotional, cultural and sexual.

Please see enclosed a briefing paper which sets out our argument for a broad inclusive redress scheme for survivors of abuse in institutional care settings. We note that there have been a number of state based redress schemes, all of which have suffered from implementation issues (see attached briefing paper).

It is urgent that we act on this issue now. If a redress scheme can be established that shares the benefits with all those who suffered as children in institutional care, it will be a profound statement of healing and reconciliation with a group of people who look to the Royal Commission to deliver a pathway to justice.

We call on you now to stand with us, to call publicly for the Royal Commission to take an inclusive view of the need to provide justice to all forgotten Australians who suffered criminal abuse while in institutional care.

We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss further the significance of this issue for your electorate and for Australian society. Please contact us at the number below to organise a suitable time.

Yours faithfully



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