

## **News from the Alliance for Forgotten Australians - Board Meeting 10-11 April 2018**

The Board of the Alliance for Forgotten Australians met in Melbourne on 10-11 April 2018.

With the Senate Committee Inquiry into the Commonwealth Redress Scheme Legislation recommending that the Bill be passed, AFA discussed recent developments with the scheme and what it will mean for Forgotten Australians. We were very pleased to have Tracy Creech, Branch Manager of Redress Implementation from the Department of Social Services attend to brief us on the progress of the scheme, and to listen to our discussion on AFA's response to the scheme as it stands.

AFA will update its manifesto to acknowledge that the scheme is a very good start, but that unless all states and territories opt in it's not a truly national scheme; and unless it covers all forms of abuse, it's not an inclusive scheme.

An updated manifesto will be posted on our website shortly.

AFA's chair, Caroline Carroll OAM, is honoured to be on the advisory group for the Prime Minister's national apology to survivors and victims of child sexual abuse. The Board discussed what it believes an apology should include, so that our Chair may represent our views to the Australian Government.