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ANNOUNCEMENT: COMPENSATION SCHEME FOR VICTIMS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Caroline Carroll OAM, Chairperson of the Alliance for Forgotten Australians, welcomed the announcement today in relation to the establishment of a national redress scheme for those sexually abused while in institutional care. The announcement was made by Minister Christian Porter, in response to the recommendation made to the Federal Government by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Ms Carroll was cautious however, counselling that there was considerable detail to be worked through and the scheme had to be inclusive of all who suffered in institutional out of home care. Ms Carroll said: "Not all children who endured institutional care and orphanage care were sexually abused. Redress must also be available to those who suffered other forms of criminal abuse".

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The Alliance for Forgotten Australians is a national advocacy body representing the interests of Forgotten Australians; adults who as children were brought up in the institutional and orphanage care. The Senate Report of 2004 estimated that there are 500, 000 Forgotten Australians.