

**Submission to Royal Commission on Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse**

**Re: Justice McClellan Consultation Paper on Redress and Civil Litigation**

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**Name:** [REDACTED]

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**Previous Submissions:** I made a submission to the first hearing on 12 Dec 2013 regarding my experiences in Alkira, Indooroopilly, Brisbane, Queensland. 3-6 months some time in 1965-66

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**My Feedback on Redress Paper:**

Firstly, thanks for the hard work that has gone into this sensitive and complex issue by all involved, it is appreciated. I have read the documents off the website.

**Scheme**

I favour a Federal overseen scheme, to put the ball in the court of all Australia, to simply and reduce bureaucracy and possible legal challenges, but at the end of the day, whatever proves most practical and expedient is fine by me. But it must cover all the aspects, sexual abuse, physical and emotional abuse and neglect.

**Form of Redress**

Apology. Have a couple of written ones, how sincere who knows. For me it is not such an issue. It is only symbolic.

Counseling or Psychological Care. For me, while I still have some issues, using alcohol (including binge drinking) as a coping mechanism and anxiety / trust issues, I see this as ongoing torture, dredging things up again. I have learned to cope with things in my own way and get on with life. So for me I would rather see some conversion waiver on this to lump sum monetary payment. [REDACTED]

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Monetary. I pretty much agree with what is in the paper. That all seems logical and fair under the circumstances based on historical data to date. See my note on civil litigation. For people unlikely to be able to do this, there should be some consideration of waiver considered in the redress payments. Personally I would just prefer to receive a cash top-up and be done with the whole thing. Or an alternative option.



## Process

Having this all dredged up again, twice now, with the Queensland Forde Inquiry and Redress Scheme and the Royal Commission, is not helpful to healing for me personally. While glad to have received some monetary compensation and apologies, it brings back memories I would rather forget. [REDACTED]

I did find it a little emotional on my last visit to Brisbane, seeing the memorial installed by the Lotus centre down near the river near the bridge.

Therefore it should be made as easy as possible to be considered for any top-ups. There is not a lot to add, without seeing [REDACTED] statements, which might jog my memory; but that is not going to happen. So basically my initial submission, statutory declaration and payout information from the Queensland Government and Salvation Army is all I have (submitted to Royal Commission as well). So apart from some new application forms, it should be as simple as that.

Sincerely