
From: Restorative Justice International
Sent: Thursday, 26 February 2015 8:39 AM
To: redress
Cc: Restorative Justice International
Subject: formal submission on restorative justice to the Australian Commission on Child Sex Abuse

February 25, 2015

Australian Royal Commission on Child Sex Abuse

Re: statement of support for victims-driven, and centered, restorative justice

Please accept the following from Restorative Justice International (RJI) regarding your current work on the subject of

institutional child abuse. We are a global association and network of over 4000 members founded in 2009 committed to restorative justice.

Some of our members and Affiliates are based in Australia. Through the work of RJI, we strongly support victims of violent crime including victims of clergy abuse or other institutional abuse.

This is our formal submission:

Restorative Justice International (RJI) supports the use of restorative justice in all cases of clergy abuse. We support direct victim offender dialogue when possible to ensure that offenders are held accountable. Victims must be the ones who choose to participate in restorative justice. This reflects RJI's support for victims-driven restorative justice. If direct victim offender meetings are not possible there are other processes that are restorative that we support. RJI supports monetary restitution to victims of abuse to be paid primarily by the offender and/or institutions affiliated with the offender. RJI is available to assist victims of abuse as they explore restorative justice and its benefits.

If we can be of service in any way please contact us.

Sincerely,

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