

## Law Council calls for bipartisan approach to a national redress scheme

***The following statement can be attributed to Duncan McConnel, President, Law Council of Australia:***

- The Law Council calls for a bipartisan approach to the development of a national redress scheme for child sexual abuse survivors.
- We welcome renewed attention placed on the important issue of redress as a way to ensure justice.
- In supporting a national redress scheme as recommended by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the Law Council calls for the matter to be given priority by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in the spirit of bipartisanship.
- This is an issue that requires coordination between the Commonwealth, state and territory governments as well as institutions.
- A national redress scheme is an essential part of a broader response to ensuring justice for survivors of child sexual abuse. In implementing any redress scheme, survivors must not have any of their other legal rights restricted or removed.
- The Law Council recognises there may be benefits in implementing civil law reforms, where appropriate, to limitation periods, vicarious liability and identifying defendants.
- The Law Council hopes to work with the Government and Opposition in the design of any compensation arrangements for survivors of child sexual abuse.

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