

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GRAFTON

## Anglican Diocese of Grafton accepted into National Redress Scheme 29 March 2019

For Immediate Publication

Yesterday, the Anglican Diocese of Grafton received formal notification from the Minister for Families and Social Services, the Hon Paul Fletcher, that the Diocese has been accepted as a participating institution in the National Redress Scheme.

The Anglican Diocese of Grafton welcomes the announcement which means that those who are victims of sexual abuse in church institutions as a child have an independent body through which to make their claim and ensure that their story is heard.

"This is good news for those seeking redress" said Mr Chris Nelson, Registrar of the Diocese. "Although we will still welcome claims directly to the Diocese through our Pastoral Care and Assistance Scheme, victims of abuse now have an independent body that they can approach."

"The Diocese realises that the National Redress Scheme will pose new financial challenges but we are committed to meeting that challenge as part of our commitment to justice for victims and safety for all in our care."

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