

ANNEXURE 10



'SAFER CHURCHES' STRUCTURE

NATIONAL

- 1800 HELPLINE
- Procedures/Guidelines
- *Safer Churches* Panel



STATE

- *Safer Churches* Officers
- Awareness Workshops



LOCAL CHURCH

- Safer Churches Person/s
- Safety Team/Committee
 - Church Board



ACC is working with **Safe Ministry Resources (SMR)** in the areas of prevention and response.

Safe Ministry Resources:

- Established 2009
- Worked with more than 20 Christian denominations Australia wide in the area of vulnerable person protection
- Instrumental in development of NCCA Safe Church Program
- Additional Services include Investigation, Case Management, Offender Risk Management

NATIONAL

1800 HELPLINE

- Swift incident reporting guidance
 - Independent advice
- Avoids errors in self-assessment

NATIONAL

National '*Safer Churches*' Panel

- State & National Representation
- A mix of additional skill sets (legal, psychological, insurance, education)
- Meets to review *Safer Churches* program and make recommendations to the National Executive

NATIONAL

National '*Safer Churches*' Resources

- Forms, guidelines, process and procedural documents
- Made available in a dedicated section of Pastor's Login

STATE

State '*Safer Churches*' Officer

- Receive reports from Helpline calls
- Oversee the management of cases, liaising with State Executive
 - Provide guidance to local churches
 - Oversee state based Awareness/Training Workshops
- State representative on the National *Safer Churches* Panel

STATE

'Safer Churches' Awareness Workshops

- Face to face training with all 'ACC People'
 - Refresher course every 3 years
- Can't attend a Workshop? NCCA training
- Requirement of ACC credential holders to complete child protection training by end 2016

LOCAL CHURCH

Local '*Safer Churches*' Person

- Receiving and managing *Safer Churches* concerns
- Oversight of *Safer Churches* implementation for the church

LOCAL CHURCH

Church Board / Governing Body

- Adopt child protection policy and procedures
 - Appoint of Local *Safer Churches* Person
- Communicate commitment to *Safer Churches* policy and procedures, and the name of *Safer Churches* Person

NEXT STEPS

- Implementation guidelines circulated to local churches
 - Induction of State *Safer Churches* Officers
 - Training of Awareness Workshop Presenters
- Policy, Procedural & Guideline documents published on Pastor's Login
 - *Safer Churches* Awareness Workshops commence

