

Sexual and Other Abuse

The Melbourne Response

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

I, AFA [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE:

1. The Independent Commissioner has explained to me that he has been appointed by the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne to investigate allegations of abuse.
2. The Commissioner has informed me that because the conduct about which I have complained of may constitute criminal conduct, I have a continuing and unfettered right to report the matter to the police. He has encouraged me to exercise that right. He has informed me that if I did wish to report the matter to the police, he would refer me to an appropriate police officer to deal with the complaint.
3. The Commissioner has explained to me that the police have powers which he does not have, including the power to issue search warrants and to arrest offenders, and that it is only through the police that the offender can be brought before a Court and punished for criminal conduct.
4. Aware of these matters I do not at this time wish to take my complaint to the police, and:
 - (a) I request the Commissioner to exercise the powers conferred upon him by the Archbishop to deal with my complaint; and
 - (b) I require the Commissioner to keep my identity confidential to the best of his ability and save as compelled by law.

5. I acknowledge that I can refer the complaint to the police at any time, and if I do so the Commissioner will take no further steps in relation to the complaint until the police investigation and any proceedings emanating therefrom have been completed.

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DATED the.....day of February 2011