

Commonwealth Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse
DRAFT DESIGN ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES

Design Element	Draft for Discussion
Guiding Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs of survivors should be at the core ○ Delivery of redress should seek to avoid further harming or re-traumatising survivors* ○ Redress should be provided in accordance with a trauma-informed approach*
Scope and Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survivors of sexual abuse (as per Royal Commission's definition)* ○ For living survivors (not family)* ○ Abuse in institutional settings* ○ Abuse occurred as a child (under 18)* ○ Cut-off date for abuse at or prior to commencement of scheme ○ Scheme will run for 10 years commencing 2018*
Monetary Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maximum payment \$150,000* ○ Recognises the wrong, hurt and harm* ○ Deed of release required* ○ Payment to be assessed on a sliding scale* with matrix guidelines to assess severity* ○ Payment to be exempted from Commonwealth debt recoveries and income test relevant to social security payments* ○ Previous compensation, redress, and ex-gratia payments to be offset
Psychological counselling, case management and support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Psychological counselling provided to eligible survivors for the life of the scheme*, through the Primary Health Networks ○ Case management, advocacy and support provided to eligible survivors through community-based non-government organisations
Direct Personal Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Structured and available opportunity to meet a very senior appropriate person in an institution to tell their story* ○ Framework for conducting DPR, including training required for representatives and methodology
Application, assessment and review processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Low hurdle, supportive, flexible, non-legal, and on paper as much as possible* ○ Standard of proof reasonable likelihood* ○ Review procedures will be put in place
Apportionment of responsibility for claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where more than one government or institution shares responsibility for abuse the cost will be shared*
Funder of Last Resort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where there was shared responsibility between a government and an institution, if the institution no longer exists or has no capacity to pay, the responsible government will step in and become the funder of last resort*

*Announced by the Commonwealth