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CHRISTIAN BROTHERS WA ROYAL COMMISSION UNDERTAKINGS UPDATE NO.2

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The Christian Brothers today released its second update on progress on the undertakings made at the conclusion of the public hearings of the Royal Commission in Perth.

The commitments made at the Royal Commission were:

1. *Providing survivors of abuse suffered at facilities operated by the Christian Brothers with ongoing professional psychological counselling, for life if needed.*
2. *Being open to re-examining cases that have been settled on demonstrably unjust and unreasonably low terms.*

1. Counselling

- The Christian Brothers can confirm that a number of individuals have sought to take up the offer of professional psychological counselling as a result of the commitment given in Perth.
- We would advise those still wishing to take up this offer that they can do so by contacting the Professional Standards Office of the Christian Brothers on (03) 8359 0134.
- Counselling services are provided by independent and accredited professional psychologists.

2. Re-examination

- Over the past 2 months we have responded to several dozen individuals who have requested re-examination of their past settled matters.
- We are arranging meetings with those individuals where they can discuss their claims. This process will generally include independent legal assistance for the claimants.
- Support will be arranged for claimants in these meetings and it is anticipated that many matters will be addressed satisfactorily over the next two to three months.

In a genuine effort to resolve all abuse matters, the Christian Brothers will continue to work in a manner which responds to individual circumstances and needs in an atmosphere of dignity, respect and compassion.

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