

was undertaken to establish if there were any other victims.
 Since then it is suspected that there are at least 3 more young people who were abused by this person. After 10 years, other young people are displaying disturbed behaviour that could be attributed to having been abused.

- **Disillusioned** that the law cannot accommodate the intellectually disabled.”

The following requests for action by the Catholic Education Office and the Church resulted from group discussion.

Systemic Action

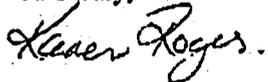
That the CEO contact parents from St Ann's giving them information about investigation.
 That the people involved in the cover up be brought to account.
 That the CEO inform group of actions taken or intent to take action.
 That the CEO is more stringent in investigating staff and volunteers, protecting children.
 That Mandatory Notification Training be monitored, reinforced and responsibility and that consequences be made very clear to all staff.
 That all Catholic Schools with students with disability have written procedures for dealing with suspected abuse.
 That protective behavior and sexuality education needs to be part of ongoing curriculum for these students.
 That the Catholic Church support changes to Legislation, which are being proposed by this group. (Changes to the way people with intellectual disability are treated as witnesses and cross examined)

Individual Family Action

There needs to an acknowledgement that the actions of the school appear devoid of Christian or pastoral care of students and families.
 There needs to be a formal public apology for the failure of the system.
 There needs to be ongoing professional specialist counselling for the victims and their families. Families must able to choose counsellors and how long counselling should continue.
 There needs to be support for victims who have lost day options due to challenging behaviour – Provision of new or restoration of former day options.
 There needs to be funding for respite for families affected.
 There needs to be discussion about compensation.

We look forward to hearing your plans for addressing these issues.

Yours truly,



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