



Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse

9 October 2014

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By email: pgerber@prolegis.com.au

Dear Mr Gerber

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Royal Commission)

We refer to your client's production of Hillsong Church Ltd policies and procedures under Summons S-NSW-234 and Mr Aghajanian's statement dated 29 September 2014.

In order to assist the Royal Commission in relation to its examination of Hillsong Church Ltd policies and procedures, we request that Hillsong Church Ltd respond to the following matters.

If the Royal Commission is satisfied with the response, Mr Aghajanian may not be required to give evidence before the Royal Commission tomorrow, however at this stage he should make himself available to appear at short notice.

Letter from NSW Commission for Children and Young People dated 7 August 2000

1. Whether Hillsong Church or any of its predecessors reported any disciplinary proceedings against Frank Houston to the NSW Commission for Children and Young People, including the suspension or removal of his credentials as a minister.
2. If not, the reasons the Commission was not informed.

Hillsong Church Protecting & Supporting Children & Young People Policy & Procedures - Hillsong Tender Bundle Tab 11

3. In relation to Chapter 9 of the Sex Offenders Policy (page 15):
 - a. In paragraph 2, to what does 'committed any form of child sexual abuse' refer? Is it limited to criminal offences, or may it include allegations whether or not they have been investigated?
 - b. In paragraph 3, please elaborate on the meaning of 'known history of predatory behaviour'.

Paragraph 15 of Mr Aghajanian's statement dated 29 September 2014

4. What do the phrases 'historical' or 'not confirmed' cases mean?
5. In what circumstances is an allegation of child sexual abuse referred to police?
6. Which policy or procedure is used for the investigation and resolution of an allegation of child sexual abuse:
 - a. where the matter is not referred to police; and
 - b. after the police have completed its investigation.
7. What is the policy and procedure with respect to the handling of allegations against a senior member of Hillsong Church Ltd that raise a conflict of interest?

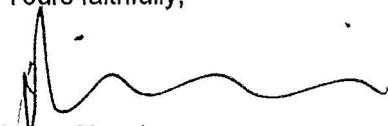
Other matters

8. Has Hillsong Church Ltd identified any gaps in its current policies and procedures concerning the handling of complaints of child sexual abuse?

Could the response please be provided by 10 October 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Zeev on **REDACTED** or myself.

Yours faithfully,



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