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K'vod HaRabbonim,

Please see the letter below from Rabbi Moshe Gutnick, President ORA regarding the attached letter to be distributed to congregants.

Regards,

Rachel

Dear Rabbi and Colleague

You are all no doubt aware of the furore both here and throughout the Jewish world in relation to the handling and mishandling of child sexual abuse especially by some members of the Rabbinat. This mishandling has been across the entire spectrum from Modern Orthodox (YU) to Square and Satmer. We in Australia have also not been immune.

As such, after consultation with members of the senior executive of ORA as well as the RCV and RCNSW I have composed the attached letter. I would respectfully ask colleagues do distribute the letter to your congregants either before Yom Kippur (by email or the like) or on Yom Kippur itself during the break.

Sydney Rabbis who do not have photocopying facilities should please call the KA office and we will photocopy the letters for you.

This is a most serious matter and I urge you to please disseminate the letter on behalf of ORA as requested. The voice of the combined Australian Rabbinate needs to be heard on this issue unequivocally and unambiguously.

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בעבורה"ק רבה והצלחה טובה חתימה גמר ובברכת רב בכבוד

Rabbi Moshe D Gutnick

President - Organisation of Rabbis of Australasia.