



Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse

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Dear Ms Allison

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

The Royal Commission intends to hold a public hearing in Sydney commencing on 22 October 2014 in relation to institutional responses to child sexual abuse at Bethcar Children's Home in Brewarrina and subsequent civil litigation involving the alleged victims of the abuse and the state of New South Wales.

It is proposed that the scope and purpose of the public hearing will include, and focus primarily on, an exploration of the civil proceedings *Kathleen Monica Biles & 14 Ors v State of New South Wales* (proceeding No 2008/316976) in the District Court at Sydney (Bethcar civil litigation).

The Royal Commission requests that you prepare a statement addressing the matters set out in Annexure A which relate to the handling of the Bethcar civil litigation by the Crown Solicitor's Office.

The Royal Commission requires the statement by **26 September 2014** at which time the Royal Commission intends to seek its production under summons. The Royal Commission may summon you to give evidence in respect of the statement produced to the Royal Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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