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**Statement from the Rabbinical Council of Victoria (RCV)  
 regarding comments made by Rabbi Manis Friedman**

For Immediate Release

The Rabbinical Council of Victoria endorses the comments of Rabbi Moshe Gutnick on behalf of the Organisation of Rabbis of Australasia (ORA) regarding the comments by Rabbi Friedman regarding victims of sexual abuse. The comments by Rabbi Friedman are both utterly incorrect and potentially harmful to other victims and we call upon Rabbi Friedman to retract and apologise.

Rabbi Meir Shlomo Kluwgant, RCV President, said: "There is no doubt that sexual abuse damages its victims in a profound and unique way, and Rabbi Friedman's comments disregard and even trivialise their suffering.

We are grateful to Manny Waks for bringing these comments to the attention of the Rabbinic leadership in Australia so that the matter can be properly addressed".

The RCV wishes to make clear that Rabbi Friedman has no connection with any institution in the Jewish community of Melbourne.

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