



Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse

Further Statement of Norman Edward Latham

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Date 25 August 2015

1. This further statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I am prepared to give to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse “**the Commission**”. The statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. On 22 July 2015, I made a statement to the Commission. On 17 August 2015, I had my statement read to the Commission. Since that time, I have reflected further on the impact that the abuse has had on me. I make this statement in order to further inform the Commission of the impact of the abuse.
3. My mother passed away about one and a half weeks before I was called to give evidence before the Commission. I am deeply saddened that she was not able to see the history of my abuse being listened to and acknowledged by the Commission.
4. As a result of being a ward of the state, I was separated from my family. One of the consequences was that I did not know of, or meet, my younger brothers until they were aged 5 and 3, or my younger sister, until she was aged 18 months. I was deprived of the opportunity of interacting with my siblings during our early childhood.
5. During my life, I had great difficulty staying in Melbourne because it reminded me of the abuse. As a result, I missed many family birthdays, engagements weddings and other milestones. I also didn't really get to know my nieces and nephews until they were 14 or 15 years old.

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6. As a result of the abuse there were periods in my life where I consumed alcohol excessively. I would sometimes leave the family home when on a binge until I sobered up. Sometimes I would be away for weeks at a time. As a result of my drinking, I feel that at times I let down my late wife, daughter and step son and missed some important family milestones. I am forever grateful for their support. I do not understand how my late wife tolerated my drinking at the time.
7. I have concerns and fears about what may be ahead if I have to go into aged care. The thought of having to go into a home sometimes triggers memories of the abuse. I fear being vulnerable and helpless in such an environment.


Signed:



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