



Royal Commission  
into Institutional Responses  
to Child Sexual Abuse

## Statement

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**Name** Ivan CLARKE  
**Address** Known to the Commission  
**Date** March 2017

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1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. My full name is Ivan Clarke and I am 51 years old.
3. I have previously been involved with the Royal Commission.
4. I have been asked to describe the changes I would like to see following the Royal Commission.
5. So much time has been invested in putting the innocent in situations where they had to prove *their* story to be the truth. The abusers aligned themselves with the decision makers, the financiers, the authorities and the politicians and were protected because of those alliances.
6. The Church and State must be separated, this includes the educational systems that are associated with the church. Those alliances must be dismantled so that bias is removed and justice can be served without interrogation by a process which results in innocent people having to fight vehemently to prove their victimhood.

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7. An independent council of persons to regulate those bodies that have responsibility for the care of children and young people should be established.
8. Organisations MUST prove they have implemented change before any Government (Public) monies are provided them for their services.
9. Failure to meet a minimal standard results in forfeiting funding. No self-regulation and resolution of complaints or concerns.
10. There should be an independent body to investigate and determine suitable/appropriate recommendations.
11. Greater support for victims and no possibility of the Church's associated organisations accessing the funding to provide counselling and support to the victims.
12. I have been asked to speak about my vision for children today and in the future.
13. The voice of a child is only as loud as the adult hearing it allows it to be.
14. A fractured child becomes a broken adult.
15. There is a need to ensure the justice systems workers, Government Social workers and any organisation, both Government and Non-Government services that work with children and youth are educated to work in a trauma informed method to ensure that the children and youth who have been disempowered are provided with every opportunity to feel empowered and included in the direction of their life.

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16. Workers working with children should be paid a fair and just wage. Those who care for our children while away from their parents/guardians deserve to be rewarded accordingly.

Signed: .....

Date: 27.03.2017

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