

Our 8th review of the National Redress Scheme

Share your ideas in our 2026 review

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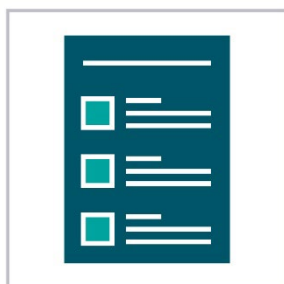


How to use this document



I am Mr Michael Manthorpe PSM.

I wrote this document for the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



We wrote some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is also a list of these words on page [15](#).



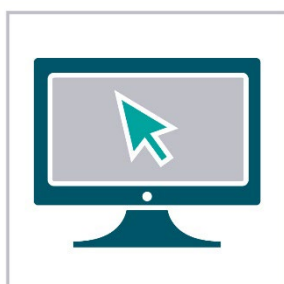
You can ask someone you trust for support to:

- read this document
- find more information.



This is an Easy Read summary of another document.

It only includes the most important ideas.



You can find the other document on our website.

<https://engage.dss.gov.au/national-redress-scheme-eighth-anniversary-review/open-letter-from-the-independent-reviewer/>

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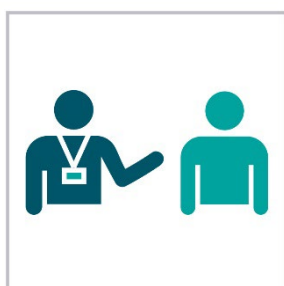
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About the National Redress Scheme

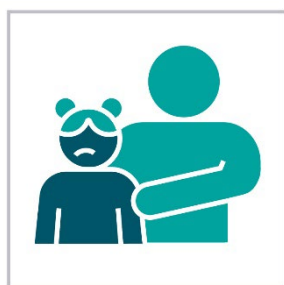


This document is about the **National Redress Scheme**.

We just call it the Scheme.



The Scheme is a way to support people who experienced **child sexual abuse** when they were in an **institution**.



Child sexual abuse is when someone:

- makes a child do sexual things
- does sexual things to a child.

Child sexual abuse is against the law.



An institution is a group or organisation that supports the community.

What is an institution?

An institution can be:



- a children's home



- a school



- a church



- an **orphanage**.

An orphanage is a home for children who do not have a family.

An institution can also include:



- a sports club



- a hospital



- **foster care.**

Foster care is when children live with other people for a short time because they can't live with their parents.

How the Scheme is going



The Scheme started in 2018.



It has provided **redress** to more than 22,000 people.



Redress is when someone gets support or money to try and make up for an experience that harmed them.



For example, if someone experienced child sexual abuse while they were in an institution.



From **30 June 2027**, no more people can apply to the Scheme.



On **30 June 2028**, the Scheme will stop providing redress.



But there are still a lot of people waiting for redress now.

About this review

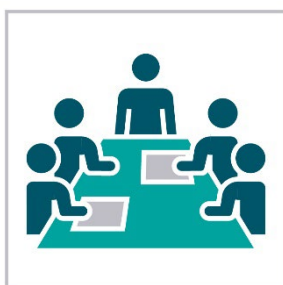


When you **review** something, you check to see what:

- works well
- needs to be better.



Michael Manthorpe PSM will lead this review.



He will work with a small group of people from the Department of Social Services.

What this review will focus on



This review will focus on 2 important areas.

Other reviews of the Scheme

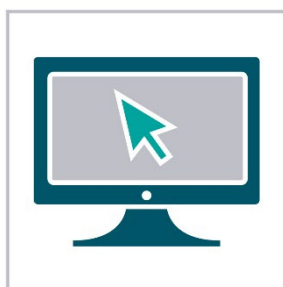


We need to look at reviews of the Scheme that happened before.



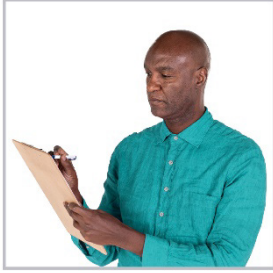
This includes:

- what happened because of those reviews
- what else should happen now.



You can learn about the other reviews on the Scheme website.

www.nationalredress.gov.au/about/about-scheme/reports-and-statistics



The Australian Government also reviews the Scheme.



You can find the latest review on the Parliament of Australia website.

www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/National_Redress_Scheme_Standing/OperationoftheNRS

Ending the Scheme



We need to find the best way to end the Scheme.

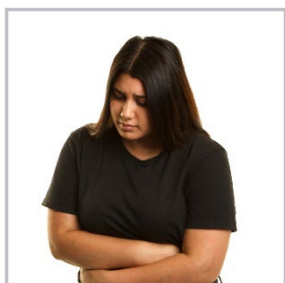


This includes how to end the Scheme:

- safely
- on time.

Share your ideas

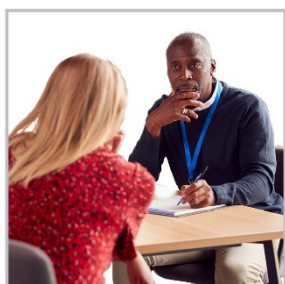
During this review, we want to hear from:



- people who experienced child sexual abuse in an institution



- support services



- institutions that are taking part in the Scheme



- institutions that are not taking part in the Scheme.



We want to know what you think needs to happen after the Scheme ends.



You can also talk about information that people shared in another review.



You can share your ideas with us:

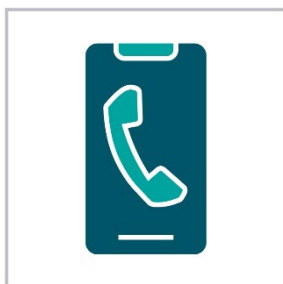
- from 1 July 2026
- to 31 July 2026.



You can learn about the review and share your ideas on the Engage DSS website.

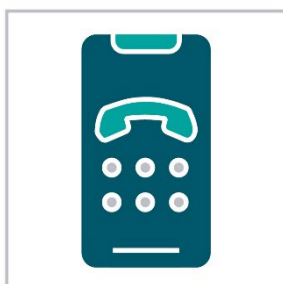
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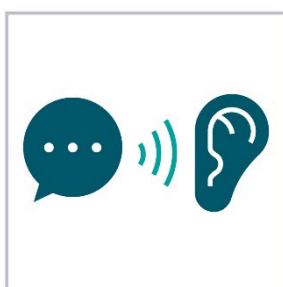
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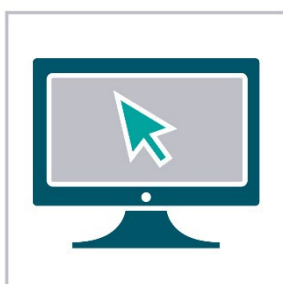
Speak and listen

1800 555 727



You can email us.

redressreview@dss.gov.au

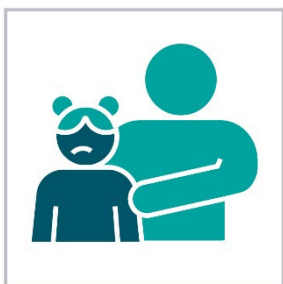


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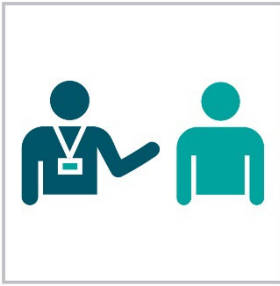
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