



The State has a moral obligation to commit to the national Redress Scheme for survivors of past sexual abuse at the hands of churches and charities.

For decades, survivors of child sexual abuse have suffered in silence. Many have not received the acknowledgment, justice and compensation they deserve.

Tragically, child sexual abuse occurred across Australia, and in different institutional settings. Tasmanian children did not escape. It's estimated up to 7500 Tasmanians were affected.

The damage caused by this abuse is lifelong. Many survivors have struggled in difficult court systems which vary across jurisdictions.

Justice for survivors should not depend on the state or territory in which the abuse occurred, or the type of institution. A national redress scheme will ensure survivors have equal access to justice across Australia.

THE GREENS WILL

▲ Fund the State's contribution to a redress scheme.

FUNDING REDRESS

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse made comprehensive recommendations about the changes needed to ensure survivors are able to seek redress.

The Federal Government has committed to a national Redress Scheme from 1 July 2018. To be effective and deliver a measure of justice, the Scheme requires the Commonwealth, States and Territories to sign up. The Tasmanian Government has refused to commit to the Scheme.

The Liberals are against the State funding their share, because of the previous compensation fund for abuse in State care.

The National Redress Scheme, however, would have the State and Commonwealth as funders of last resort in instances where the victim is unable to get compensated by the institution in which abuse occurred.

The Greens will provide the State contribution to the Royal Commission's recommendation for a National Redress Scheme.

INITIATIVE COST

| Initiative Investment (\$m) | 1 st Year | 2 nd Year | 3 rd Year | 4 th Year |
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| Redress Costs | 1.24 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 2.08 |
| Total | 1.24 | 2.15 | 2.15 | 2.08 |