

# Media Statement

## Australia Southern Territory



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### ROYAL COMMISSION ANNOUNCES HEARING INTO THE SALVATION ARMY— AUSTRALIA SOUTHERN TERRITORY

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has today announced that Case Study 33, commencing on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2015, will be a public hearing into The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory.

The case study will be held in Adelaide and will look into the operation of children's homes between 1940 and 1990 in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. The Salvation Army Australia Southern Territory Territorial Commander Commissioner Floyd Tidd will be in attendance to listen to former child residents' experiences and answer questions about how the institution responded to allegations of abuse in children's homes.

The Salvation Army continues to fully cooperate with the Royal Commission and actively engage with individual survivors and care leaver groups.

The first public apology from The Salvation Army in 2004 acknowledged the failings of the organisation to provide a safe environment for all children in its care and the betrayal of trust that those failings represent.

The Salvation Army is committed to ensuring the safety and protection of all children and vulnerable people in our care. We are continually reviewing, updating and strengthening our policies and practices so that those coming to The Salvation Army will find a safe place of care and support.

Any person wanting to raise concerns of abuse is encouraged to contact our Professional Standards Office on (03) 8878 4814 or [professionalstandards@aus.salvationarmy.org](mailto:professionalstandards@aus.salvationarmy.org)

Further information and updates at [www.salvationarmy.org.au/royalcommission](http://www.salvationarmy.org.au/royalcommission)

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