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The Salvation Army: An Update on National Redress

Since the release of the final Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Redress and Civil Litigation report, The Salvation Amy has taken proactive steps to contribute to the development of a national redress scheme.

The Salvation Army continues to engage in discussions with other non-governmental organisations and key stakeholders to help ensure that survivors of child sexual abuse receive adequate redress.

A comprehensive review of all Salvation Army policies and practices, both internationally and across Australia, has been undertaken to ensure that volunteers, staff and officers who work with children have been properly screened and trained.

Leader of The Salvation Army (Eastern Territory), Commissioner James Condon, says he hopes there will soon be a broad consensus around the implementation of a national redress scheme.

"It is imperative that an agreement between all relevant stakeholders is reached so that survivors (many of whom are elderly or sick) can obtain justice," Commissioner Condon said.

"Ultimately, The Salvation Army will support a national redress scheme that meets the needs of survivors and incorporates the views of the broader Australian community."

The Salvation Army is committed to working with survivors throughout their healing process and encourages anyone who is abused in anyway to make contact with us.

To report abuse in NSW/QLD & ACT we encourage people to make contact with The Salvation Army (Eastern Territory) Centre for Restoration by calling (02) 9266 9781 or via email at <u>centreforrestoration@aue.salvationarmy.org</u>.

To report abuse in VIC/ SA/ TAS/ WA & NT we encourage people to make contact with The Salvation Army (Southern Territory) Professional Standards Office by calling (03) 8878 4814 or via email at professionalstandards@aus.salvationarmy.org.

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