

The Secretary
Senate Community Affairs References Committee
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Canberra, ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to record that during my childhood, I spent time in a church run institution (ST VINCENTS ORPHANAGE - STH MELB.).

My experience of this institutional life was terrible and I was subjected to extreme cruelty, deprivation and abuse. Also I was not provided with the appropriate care, protection and education that I should have been entitled to.

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ALSO FOR THE RECORD, MY BROTHER ROBERT WAS SEXUALLY ABUSED BY THE SAME CHRISTIAN BROTHER WHILE THERE, MY SISTER WAS ALSO ^{SEXUALLY} ABUSED BY A PRIEST WHEN SHE WAS VERY YOUNG AND BEFORE ENTERING ST VINCENTS GIRLS ORPHANAGE - STH MELB. I DECIDED TO ACT AGAINST ~~THEM~~ ^{CHRISTIAN BROTHERS} THROUGH SOLICITORS, BUT MY BROTHER + SISTER JUST WANT TO FORGET ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM. IN MY OPINION WE NEED TO HAVE AN AUSTRALIAN WIDE GOVERNMENT INQUIRY AS THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO WON'T COME FORWARD DUE TO THE SHAME ^{+ BLAME} THEY FEEL. IT WOULD BE GOOD IF PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE ARE A LOT OF FORMER ORPHANS NEEDING HELP WITH TRUTH NOT BULLSHIT.

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