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Anglican Church shows its commitment to childhood sexual assault survivors

The Sexual Assault Support Service (SASS) commends the Anglican Church for its proposal to support the National Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse. The Church has proposed that it will sell nearly half of all its properties in Tasmania, to raise the estimated \$8 million required to cover its liability under the scheme.

The Redress Scheme marks a significant step in addressing the wrongs of the past, and is a key recommendation coming out of the recent Royal Commission into Institutional responses to Child Sexual Abuse. However it requires state governments across Australia to opt in – something the Tasmanian Government has yet to do. Until our Government commits to joining the scheme, no institution in Tasmania can join.

SASS CEO Jill Maxwell states,

“This is a critical issue for survivors. Having our Government support the scheme will show survivors that society recognises the wrongs that have been done to them and the impact that the abuse has had, and continues to have, on their lives.”

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