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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

As a member of the NSW Attorney Generals, Victims Advisory Board, I with other members of the board and stakeholder agencies have reviewed the Royal Commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse.

I am in support of the recommendations made by the commission, other than to say that the NSW Justice system is a system in crisis in so many ways.

I see a real opportunity to support the victims of abuse in a pro-active manner.

Considering the difficulty in getting some of these cases to court, the low rate of conviction, the generally short sentences and the further traumatising of victims, a restorative justice approach to working with some of these cases may be a way forward to empower victims.

This approach has been taken in other jurisdictions with successful outcomes.

If we are honestly working in the best interests of victims, this avenue must be explored. It will require adjustments in legislation and an outside the square thinking style.

“If we continue to do what we have always done – we will continue to get what we have always got”.

Let’s do something different!

For further information, please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

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