



Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Summary of the South Australian Government response to the Final Report

The South Australian response

All children and young people deserve to be safe, happy and healthy, and to be protected from harm and abuse.

The Final Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse made 189 recommendations designed to support survivors of child sexual abuse, and to rectify the failings of the institutions that should have been there to protect them.

The state government is responsible for 104 of the recommendations. The Government of South Australia’s position on these recommendations is listed below.

22 accepted	44 accepted in principle
37 for further consideration	1 not accepted

Many of the recommendations complement reform that is already underway following South Australia’s Child Protection Systems Royal Commission, which concluded in 2016.

The government is already taking action in line with the Commonwealth Royal Commission to strengthen protections for children and young people and better support victims and survivors, including:

- removing limitations on compensation claims
- opting-in to the National Redress Scheme
- mandatory notification for information revealed in confessionals
- working towards an updated Working with Children Checks process
- new child protection legislation.

The Department for Child Protection will be the lead agency to ensure implementation and reporting of recommendations is coordinated across government.

The full response can be found on the Department for Child Protection website:

www.childprotection.sa.gov.au/royal-commission