

# Facing the Truth

## Learning from the Past How the Catholic Church in Victoria has Responded to Child Abuse

### Fact Sheet 3 Type of Inquiry

5 October 2012

The Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations was commenced by the Governor in Council under the Parliamentary Committees Act 2003.

The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry are contained [here](#).<sup>1</sup>

The Inquiry is being undertaken by the Family and Community Development Committee of the Victorian Parliament. The Committee is a joint house committee comprising six members: four members of the Legislative Assembly and two members of the Legislative Council. Four members of the Committee are from the Government and two are from the Opposition.

The Chair of the Committee is Ms Georgie Crozier MLC, Member for Southern Metropolitan in the Legislative Council.

Information about the members of the Committee can be obtained [here](#).<sup>2</sup>

The Committee obtains information relevant to its terms of

reference through written submissions, public hearings and the review and analysis of relevant research.

The Committee will generally take evidence in public. It will conduct its hearings in public and publish submissions made to it on its website. The Committee can receive submissions and hear evidence on a confidential basis when this is requested.

At the conclusion of the public hearings and after it has reviewed all the information contained in submissions and presented at public hearings, the Committee will issue a report containing its recommendations which will then be tabled in both houses of Parliament and made available to the public.

The Government is required to respond to recommendations of the Committee within six months of the Committee tabling its report.

The Government can accept, reject, modify or adopt the recommendations of the Committee.

### For more information and support

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[www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/fcdc/article/1790>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/members/committee/fcdc>