1. The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse’s (Royal Commission) Redress and Civil Litigation Report was publicly released on 14 September 2015. The Report recommended establishment of a single national redress scheme to provide eligible applicants who experienced institutional child sexual abuse with a monetary payment, access to counselling and psychological care, and a direct personal response from responsible institution/s.
2. The Federal Government subsequently announced it would create a redress scheme, established through legislation, and invite states, territories and non-government institutions to opt in. The Federal Government’s National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (the National Scheme) has three core elements broadly consistent with the Royal Commission’s recommendations.
3. On 30 April 2018, the Premier and Minister for Trade publicly announced the Queensland Government would opt in to the National Scheme. To opt in to the National Scheme states must refer powers to the Commonwealth Parliament, in accordance with the Commonwealth Constitution, and sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Federal Government.
4. The National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2018 provides for:
* the required referral of powers to the Commonwealth Parliament to enable the National Scheme to operate in Queensland;
* introduction of a framework to enable appropriate information sharing by Queensland Government agencies for the purposes of the National Scheme; and
* an amendment to the *Victims of Crime Assistance Act 2009* to provide that redress payments may not be deducted from victim assistance payments under that Act.
1. Cabinet approved the introduction of the National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2018 into the Legislative Assembly.
2. Cabinet approved that redress payments under the National Scheme are not to be asset tested for the purpose of assessing a survivor’s eligibility for Legal Aid assistance.
3. Cabinet approved that, for the purposes of the National Scheme, the Queensland Government categorise Grammar Schools as ‘non-Government institutions’ to enable them to opt into the redress scheme.
4. *Attachments*
* [National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (Commonwealth Powers) Bill 2018](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.pdf)