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Christian Brothers, Marist Brothers join National Redress Scheme

Federal Minister for Families and Social Services, Paul Fletcher has welcomed the entry of seven additional institutions, including two significant Catholic orders, Christian Brothers and Marist Brothers into the National Redress Scheme tomorrow.

Institutions joining the National Redress Scheme tomorrow are:

- Anglican Diocese of Adelaide
- Baptist Churches Western Australia
- Baptist Churches Tasmania
- Christian Brothers
- Marist Brothers Australia
- Moore Theological College Council
- St Andrew's House Corporation

"I am pleased that institutions are taking heed of the request for them to join the Redress Scheme as soon as possible," Mr Fletcher said.

"I cannot over-state the urgency of giving survivors access to redress as soon as they are able.

The Liberal-National Government expects all the institutions where institutional child sexual abuse has occurred to sign up to the National Redress Scheme as soon as possible.

As additional institutions join, more applications can be processed and more survivors of institutional child sexual abuse can access support and acknowledgement through the Scheme.

Survivors can make an application for redress at any time, however applications can only be processed once the relevant institution has completed the necessary steps and joined the Scheme. Redress can include a redress payment, access to counselling services and a direct personal response from the responsible institution for people who want it.

For more information, including a searchable list of institutions that have joined the Scheme and support services to help you to complete an application, visit <u>www.nationalredress.gov.au</u>

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