

# STATEMENT

Francis Sullivan CEO

Truth Justice and Healing Council

Questioning of survivor witnesses in Ballarat hearings



22 May 2015

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is currently conducting a hearing in Ballarat in Victoria into child sexual abuse by Catholic clergy and religious associated with a number of institutions run by Catholic Church in Ballarat.

Despite issues raised by the Royal Commission about questioning of survivor witnesses, all Catholic Church parties confirm they will not be seeking to question survivor witnesses in the Ballarat hearings about any of the evidence that they have given.

Contact: Michael Salmon +61 417 495 018

**Media contact:** Michael Salmon 0417 495 018

*The Truth Justice and Healing Council is coordinating the Catholic Church's engagement with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.*

For more information on the Truth Justice and Healing Council go to: [www.tjhcouncil.org.au](http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au)

For more information on the Royal Commission go to: <http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/>