

MEDIA RELEASE

ALP calls for bipartisan support for national redress



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The Australian Labor party has called for bipartisan support for a national redress scheme for the survivors of child sexual abuse.

The [joint media statement](#) issued by Shadow Attorney General Mark Dreyfus, Shadow Families and Payments Minister Jenny Macklin, and Shadow Minister for Communities Carers and Women Senator Clare Moore said 'If there was ever an issue that needed bipartisanship, this should be it.

'This is the number one recommendation of the [Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse](#), and the preferred approach of survivors themselves', the statement said.

The CEO of the Catholic Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council, Mr Francis Sullivan, has welcomed the comments saying that, hopefully, this will kick off a discussion about redress in the election campaign.

'Both the Liberal and Labor parties have made major commitments to the child abuse Royal Commission with the ALP setting it up and the Coalition granting it a two-year extension', Mr Sullivan said.

'The Commission has made a major recommendation for a national redress scheme for abuse survivors which has sadly been dismissed by the Federal Government in favour of a second option which has little support from survivors or the major institutions involved.

'The Commission's preferred option of a national scheme needs to be debated as part of this Federal election campaign and all parties need to make very clear to the community where they stand,' Mr Sullivan said.

The Council has consistently called for an independent national redress scheme established by the Federal Government but funded by the institutions responsible for the abuse.

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