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STATEMENT BY CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY MOST REV ANTHONY FISHER OP ON NATIONAL REDRESS SCHEME FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

The Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, welcomed today's announcement by the Federal Government of a National Redress Scheme for victims of sexual abuse.

"I very much welcome this development as a major step forward in the recognition and compensation of victims of child sexual abuse," he said.

"As a concept the Archdiocese has supported a National Redress Scheme along with the Truth, Justice and Healing Council and I am pleased the Federal Government has listened to the Royal Commission in recognising this as a positive way forward."

"It is a scheme supported not only by the Catholic Church but other churches, institutions and survivors of sexual abuse and their families."

"It is a very positive development and now we await the detail and exactly how it will be delivered."

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