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TJHC calls for COAG committee to implement Royal Commission's recommendations



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The CEO of the Catholic Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council, Francis Sullivan, has called on the Prime Minister, state premiers and chief ministers to immediately set up a COAG committee to implement the recommendations in the Royal Commission's final report.

Mr Sullivan says once the report is in the public domain, which is expected to be this Friday, all participants including the Catholic Church need to start working immediately on implementing its recommendations.

"And it is up to Prime Minister Turnbull to lead the way," Mr Sullivan said.

"The Prime Minister has to show that this report is going to be taken 100 per cent seriously, that it's not going to be put in a drawer," Mr Sullivan says.

"Governments should consider announcing the establishment of a joint COAG working party very soon after the release of the report, then institutions and others need to set up their own implementation processes to engage with the government process.

"We cannot afford for this to get lost over the summer, to get shouted down by the current political point scoring that's going on.

"How many times have we seen extensive, historic processes, which could and should contribute significantly to public policy development, effectively binned because governments can't get their act together.

"The Catholic Church is currently considering how best to manage its response to the Commission's final report and would welcome the opportunity to contribute to a careful, systematic government response that could include valuable contributions from all institutions involved in the inquiry over the past five years," Mr Sullivan said.

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