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## Royal Commission Marist Brothers

### Sydney



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The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse reconvened in Sydney today to finalise the hearing into the Marist Brothers' response to child sexual abuse perpetrated by two teaching brothers from the early 1960s through to the late 1980s.

The hearing was adjourned on 1 July 2014 to enable the Royal Commission to make further inquiries.

Former principal, Brother Alexis Turton and former brother and perpetrator, Gregory Sutton had not been excused from the hearing, but Counsel Assisting said today that neither was required to give further evidence to the Royal Commission. Both witnesses were excused today.

A number of documents were tendered as evidence, which then concluded the public hearing into the Marist Brothers.

In a public statement released following the hearing, Provincial, Brother Jeffrey Crowe, apologised for the inaction and poor processes of the Marist Brothers that had made the situation even worse for survivors.

"This process has enabled us to honestly confront the crimes that have been committed, and our own failures as an institution in the past.

"We know we have made mistakes, and we are trying to learn from them. We are confident that our current approaches, though not perfect, are much more appropriate, transparent and fair," Brother Crowe said.

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