



The Hon Pru Goward MP

Minister for Family and Community Services

Minister for Social Housing

Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

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Dear Ms Hywood

Thank you for your letter of 21 September 2017 to the Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP. The Premier has forwarded your correspondence to me as the issues you raise fall within my portfolio.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring the protection of children in New South Wales, and appreciates the support of the Anglican Church of Australia's General Synod for strengthening the child protection system.

The final report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse will be released in December 2017, and is likely to focus on several of the terms of the General Synod's resolution. Findings are likely to be made on mandatory reporting, Working with Children Checks, and information sharing.

The NSW Government has been working collaboratively with other jurisdictions on actions to improve national consistency in these areas, and looks forward to the release of the Royal Commission's report.

If you would like to discuss these matters further, please contact Matthew Jones, Director, FACS Royal Commission Policy and Projects Team on 8753 8265, or email Matthew.Jones2@facs.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for the General Synod's interest in these matters.

Yours sincerely

Pru Goward MP

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