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I spoke to Dave Kelly, and he suggested I put down the following facts as a late submission to the Inquiry into the options available to survivors of institutional child sexual abuse in Western Australia who are seeking justice following a phone conversation with him on it.

I made a statement for the Royal Commission into Institutional Child abuse during their last round in Perth, Western Australia. I then subsequently processed successfully a claim through the National Redress Scheme, to which the Diocese of Western Australia agreed all facts presented to be true. My claim was considered in the upper end of scope but not at the top.

During the process I was informed I would only be able to claim in Redress against one institution in my case. Even though lawyers agreed two institutions shared some lesser or greater responsibility. It's apparently the rule. You can only bring a Redress claim once and against one institution.

I'll summarise while leaving out details of what happened to me (and others) in my Sunday school. That I was abused at Sunday School classes at Wilson Catholic Church (Castledare). The main person in my case Brother Dick, of Christian Brothers, who was present at Castledare under a form of house arrest by the Diocese after previous convictions associated with Clontarf Boys School.

We were given letters telling us to attend the Sunday School by staff of [REDACTED] Primary School ([REDACTED]). A Number of Staff members of the Primary school were also parish members and our names were taken from the school rolls. If we did not attend or were absent from the Sunday School then we were chased up at school during normal hours, such as by [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], or [REDACTED] (approx. spelling). Particularly [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also taught at the Sunday school. I approached one lunch time [REDACTED] and told her about the abuse taking place, and was told to 'shut up and never say such things about adults ever again or else...!'

These facts were reported to the Royal Commission and formed part of the agreed facts by the Western Australian Diocese in my matter.

Under the terms of agreeing to accept Redress from the Catholic Church I was told I'm prohibited from seeking Redress from another institution. Though I may seek Civil claim from the Education Department of Western Australia by litigation. The Dept was left off my Redress claim deliberately at the advice of Redress lawyers for this purpose should I take action in the future.

Although the facts are known, I've never received any acknowledgement or apology from WA Education Department to date. WA Education Department I believe is fully aware of

the statements I made at the Royal Commission, I was informed that [REDACTED] spent her entire career at [REDACTED] Primary without rotation to any other school in Western Australia, a fact I'm informed is exceptional. I'm informed records from the school including school photos were removed from the Primary School shortly after I spoke to a principal there circa. 2018. and he was instructed to no longer speak to me. I had called the school when I saw [REDACTED] name associated with a Facebook post and asked if that was her daughter, to be informed it was the same person.

I opted for Redress at the advice then of private lawyers who suggested it would be long and drawn and should the Diocese refuse to accept the facts of the case the burden of proof would be on me in Civil Claim against the Diocese. I was informed that I would not be able to seek Redress for the matter from WA Education Department.

Since we were drawn from the rolls of [REDACTED] Primary and our attendance was enforced at the School during school hours, I dispute the position that WA Education Department is without responsibility, and I doubt very much it is without knowledge. I would have not been at the Sunday school if not hounded by WA Education Department staff at the time, remembering that the 1970s was a time when disobeying a School Teacher or Principal could and did result in physical punishment.

A number of Sunday School Volunteer teachers were I believe investigated and charged in the 1980s. I believe [REDACTED] received a non-recorded conviction as an accessory to crimes. However was still employed by WA Education Department well after policy that teacher's involved or accused of child abuse were banned from teaching.

It's unfinished business. I believe I'm by far not alone in being forced to choose an institution for responsibility over another. Which is a less acceptable option. I'm sure there are others who are routinely advised they too can only pursue one institution for responsibility through Redress. Further the 10 life time appointments offered for counselling is a joke.

Regards

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