

Catholic Archdiocese welcomes new Queensland Protection Commission

The Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane welcomes the Queensland Government's announcement of the Queensland Protection Commission and its commitment of \$250 million to strengthen the protection of children across the state.

The protection of children is a shared responsibility. It is also a sacred one. The Archdiocese commends the Attorney-General, the Honourable Deb Frecklington, and the Government for placing prevention and early detection at the centre of their response to the Child Death Review Board's In Plain Sight report.

The reforms confront a clear and painful lesson. Harm is missed when information sits in silos and when warning signs are treated in isolation. Bringing Blue Card screening, the reportable conduct scheme and child safe standards together under one body is a sound and overdue step. So too is the new intelligence hub, designed to connect concerns that might otherwise go unseen.

The Archdiocese and its agencies, including Brisbane Catholic Education, Centacare and Catholic Early EdCare, work every day to keep children safe. We support the reportable conduct scheme and welcome its commencement. We will engage constructively as the Commission is designed and established, and we will continue to do our part.

We must never forget the children and families who have been harmed by past failures. Protecting today's children is the reason this work matters.

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