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# **Crown Response to the Abuse in Care Inquiry:**

**A statement from the  
Co-chairs of the Redress Design Group**



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# About this newsletter



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This Easy Read document is from the **Crown Response to the Abuse in Care Inquiry**.



It is a **statement** from the 2 new Co-chairs of the **Redress Design Group**.



We will explain what these things mean in the next parts of this document.



A **statement** is an official way of sharing:

- what someone thinks
- what someone will do.



This statement is from 17 April 2023.



You can find the statement on **pages 13 to 17** of this document.



Some of the information in this document may upset people when they are reading it.



This information is not meant to upset anyone.



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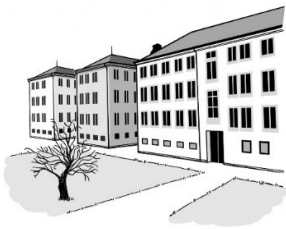
- your family / friends
- your support workers.



# What is the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care?



The **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** is looking into abuse that happened to people **in care**.



In this document being **in care** means that the Government or a **faith-based institution** was in charge of your care.



**Faith-based institutions** are run by religious groups like churches.

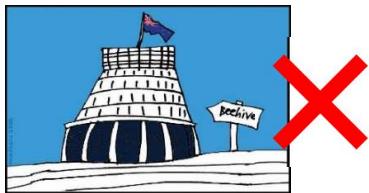


## Abuse can be:

- **physical** – a person kicking or hitting you
- **sexual** – a person doing sexual things to you that you do not want them to like:
  - touching your body or private parts
  - kissing you
  - making you have sex with them – this is called rape
- **emotional** – a person yelling or saying things to you that are not nice
- **neglect** – a person not giving you the things or care you need.



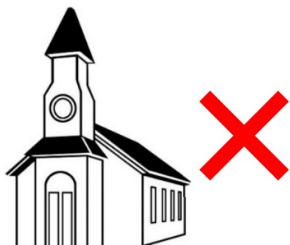
The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care is also called the **Commission**.



The Commission is **not** part of the Government.



The Government cannot tell the Commission what to do.



The Commission is not part of any faith-based organisations like churches.



The Commission calls people who have been through abuse in care **survivors**.

# What is the Crown Response Unit?



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The **Crown Response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** is a group of government officials that looks after the:

- contact between the Government and the Commission
- Government response to what the Commission finds out.

The **response** is what the Government will do because of what the Commission finds out.

# What is the Redress Design Group?



**Redress** means someone:

- agrees that something bad has happened
- does something to try to:
  - put things right
  - make up for any harm that has been done.

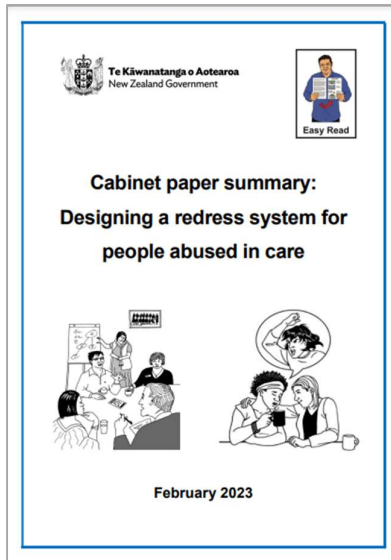
Redress can be things like:

- saying sorry
- giving money as a way of saying sorry
- giving other kinds of support like counselling.





We are putting together some groups of people to work out the best ways of doing redress for survivors.



There is an Easy Read document with more information about this called:

**Cabinet paper summary:  
Designing a redress system for  
people abused in care**



You can find this document at this website:

**[www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/  
mo-matou-about-us/alternate-formats](http://www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/mo-matou-about-us/alternate-formats)**

## About the 2 Co-chairs



A lot of work needs to be done to make sure the redress system works well.



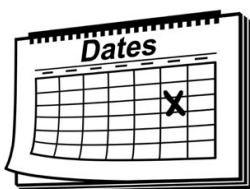
There is so much work to do that 2 people have been chosen to share the job of Chair of the Redress Design Group.



The job of the Chair is to make sure the redress system works well.



The job that the 2 people share will be called Co-chair.



They will work in this job for 7 months.

The 2 Co-chairs are:



- Annabel Ahuriri-Driscoll
- Ruth Jones.



## About Annabel Ahuriri-Driscoll

Annabel has done a lot of work to support Māori in healthcare.



Annabel has a lot of experience of working in and writing about public health.



Annabel is from these iwi:

- Ngāti Porou
- Ngāti Raukawa
- Ngāti Kahungunu.





## About Ruth Jones



Ruth also has done a lot of work to support Māori in healthcare.



Ruth has a lot of experience working with groups that support disabled people.



She was given a medal from the Queen for some of the work she has done.



Ruth is from these iwi:

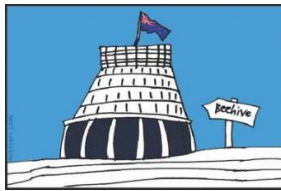
- Ngāti Porou
- Rongowhakaata.



Ruth is also part of a board / group that gives advice to the Government about **Oranga Tamariki**.



**Oranga Tamariki** is the part of the Government that looks after children.



The board does not work for the Government.

## Statement from the Co-chairs



As Co-chairs we know that survivors have been waiting a very long time for redress.



We have both worked hard in all the jobs we have had to make sure we:

- listen to survivors
- speak up for survivors.



We also know how important it is to listen to survivors who are:



- Māori
- tāngata whaikaha / Māori disabled people.



We understand:

- how important this job is
- how important it is for us to do this job right.



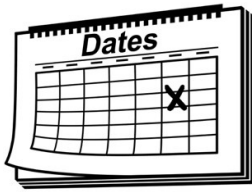
As Co-chairs we will work together to make sure all of what we do is:

- guided by the voices of survivors
- focused on what we have learned from listening to survivors.



We are working with the Crown Response Unit to put together a plan for how the redress system will work.

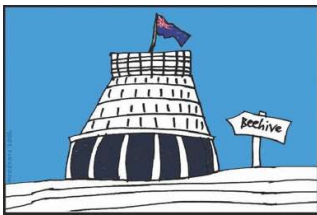




The people in the design group will meet up many times over 4 months to:



- talk about what needs to happen
- work with other advisory groups
- give **recommendations** about what needs to happen to the Government.



**Recommendations** are things we think should happen.



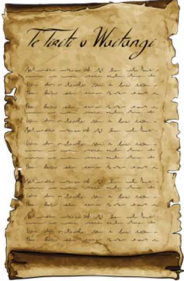
After these 4 months we will do more design work to make sure the things we have recommended get done.





Our way of working will be guided by:

- what is **tika** from a Māori way of thinking
- the **principles** of **Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi**.



**Tika** means something that is true / right.



**Principles** are like rules that tell people how to act / behave.



**Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi** is a legal document that was signed in 1840.



**Te Tiriti o Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi** is about Māori and the New Zealand Government:

- making decisions together
- protecting things that are important to Māori.

By working together like this we will make sure that what the redress system does is also tika.

## Where to find more information



You can contact the Crown Response Unit about the new redress system:

- by email at:

**[contact@abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz](mailto:contact@abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz)**



- by phone on:

**04 815 6327**



You can find more information about:

- the Crown Response Unit at:

**[www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz](http://www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz)**



- the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care at:

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