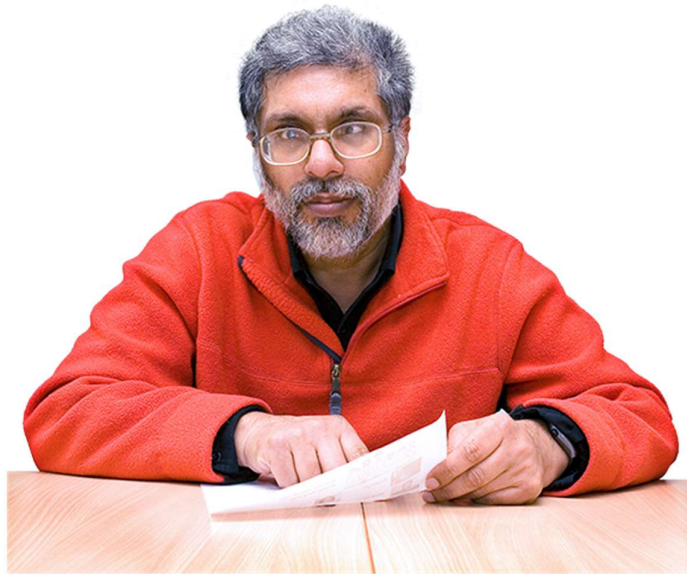




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December 2022



About this pānui / newsletter



This is an Easy Read pānui from the **Crown Response Unit**.



The **Crown Response Unit** is a group of government officials that look after the:

- contact between the Government and the Royal Commission of Inquiry – Abuse in Care
- Government **response** to what the Royal Commission finds out.



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



This pānui is from December 2022.

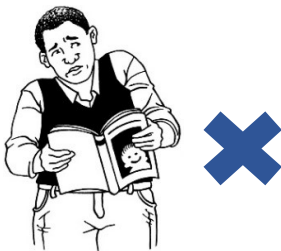
You can find more pānui / newsletters from other months on this **website:**



www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/mo-matou-about-us/karere-news/



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



This information is not meant to upset anyone.



If you do not feel safe right now call the police on **111**.



If you are worried or concerned after reading this you can talk about it with:

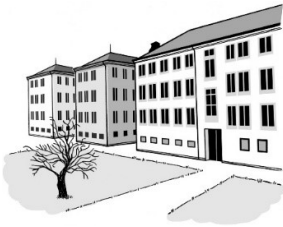
- your family / friends
- your support workers.



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**.



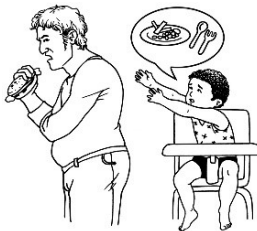
In this document being **in care** means that the Government or a **faith-based institution** were in charge of your care.

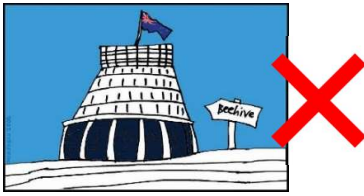


Faith-based institutions are run by religious groups like churches.

Abuse can be:

- **physical** – a person kicking or hitting you
- **sexual** – when someone does 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** – yelling or saying things to you that are not nice
- **neglect** – not giving you the things or care you need.

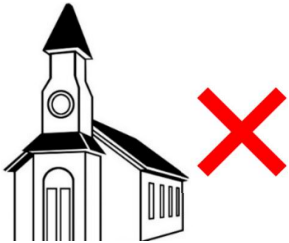




The Royal Commission is **not** part of the Government.



The Government cannot tell the Royal Commission what to do.



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



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

Update on Redress Groups



Redress means someone:

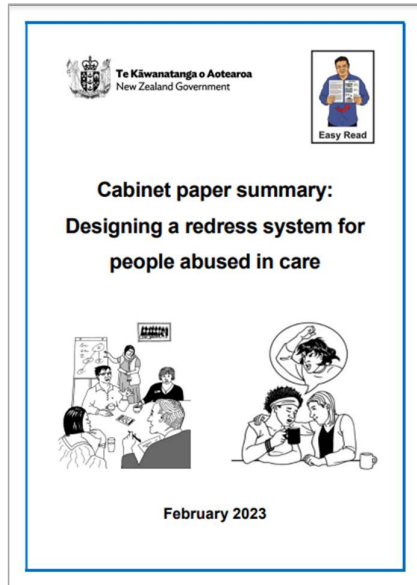
- agrees that something bad has happened
- does something to try to:
 - put things right
 - make up for any harm that has been done.

Redress can be things like:

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

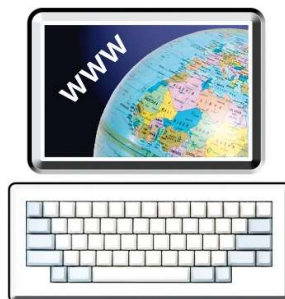


The Crown Response Unit is putting together some groups to work out the best ways of doing redress.



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 on this **website:**

<https://tinyurl.com/4xpzkndd>



The Crown Response Unit will put the names of the people in the groups on our website.

Advice to Ministers



The Crown Response Unit told the **Ministers** what we think should be done about:

- a **National Apology**
- the **Listening Service**
- survivors getting copies of their **records**.



Ministers are Members of Parliament who are in charge of different things.



National means for the whole country.



An **apology** is when you say sorry.



The **Listening Service** is a way survivors can share:

- how they were abused
- how being abused has affected them.



Records are things that were written down about people when they were in care.



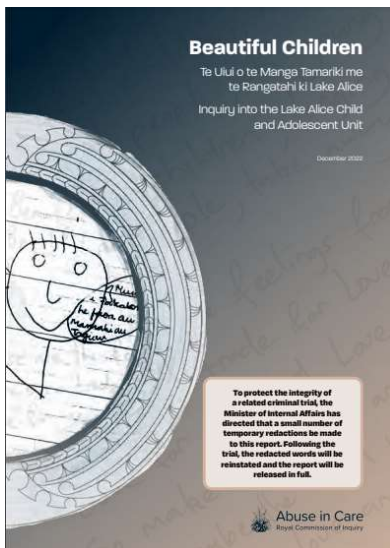
We will put more information about all these things in later newsletters.

Lake Alice report



On 15 December 2022 a report written by the Royal Commission was given to Parliament.

The report was called:



Beautiful Children

Te Whakatewhatewhatanga o te Manga Tamariki me te Rangatahi ki

Inquiry into the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit.



The report was about abuse that happened at the **Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit.**

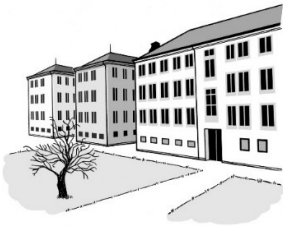
Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit was a care unit for:



- children
- **adolescents.**



Adolescents means young people aged 18 years and younger.



The report looked at:

- how people ended up in care
- what abuse has happened
- why the abuse happened
- how the abuse has changed things for people who were abused.

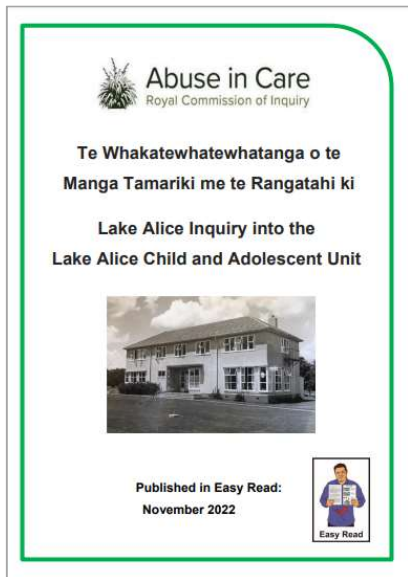




The report also looked at:

- what changes have been made to make things better
- what more can be done to stop abuse.

There is an Easy Read **summary** of the report.



A **summary** is:

- shorter than the full report
- tells you the main ideas.



You can find both the full report and the Easy Read report on this **website link**:

<https://tinyurl.com/3yye33ur>

Where to find more information



If you want to contact the Crown Response Unit about the new redress system you can:

Email:

contact@abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz



Phone:

04 815 6327



You can find more information about the CRU at:

www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz



You can also find information about the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care on their **website**:

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