

**ABUSE IN CARE ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY  
DISABILITY, DEAF AND MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTION HEARING**

**Under** The Inquiries Act 2013

**In the matter of** The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions

**Royal Commission:** Judge Coral Shaw (Chair)  
Paul Gibson  
Julia Steenson

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Mr Gregor Allan, Ms Sandra Moore and Mr Vaughan Dodd for the Crown

**Venue:** Level 2  
Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry  
414 Khyber Pass Road  
AUCKLAND

**Date:** 20 July 2022

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17 **Adjournment from 3.44 pm to 4.06 pm**

18 **COMMISSIONER GIBSON:** Ms Thomas.

19 **CLOSING STATEMENT BY THE ROYAL COMISSION**

20 **MS THOMAS:** Thank you, Commissioner Gibson. Over the last eight days of Ūhia te

21 Māramatanga, this public hearing, we have heard from 23 survivors and whānau members.

22 As we close this hearing this afternoon, we would like to acknowledge the very many

23 disabled survivors, Deaf survivors, and survivors who have experienced mental distress,

24 who have also provided evidence to this Royal Commission through their private sessions

25 and through witness statements.

26 We would also like to welcome and encourage any more survivors who may like to  
27 come forward and engage with us.

28 We would also like to acknowledge the disabled survivors, Deaf survivors, and  
29 survivors who have experienced mental distress who have previously given evidence  
30 during the last three years of the Royal Commission's public hearings. We have compiled  
31 some survivor quotes from survivor evidence at these previous hearings and we've put them  
32 into a video which we will play now as part of the close of this public hearing.

