

**ABUSE IN CARE ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY  
MARYLANDS SCHOOL**

**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)  
Ali'imua Sandra Alofivae

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

**Date:** 15 February 2022

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**TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS**

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1 [9.46 am]

2 [Karakia tīmatanga and waiata by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei]

3 **CHAIR:** Good morning, Ms Anderson.

4 **MS ANDERSON:** Good morning, Madam Chair. We start the day with a survivor voice again, a  
5 prerecorded video from Mr AQ. Then we'll transition straight from that to Ms McKechnie  
6 will be leading the evidence-in-chief of Timothy Graham, who is coming in by AVL from  
7 Australia.

8 **CHAIR:** Very well. Thank you very much.

9 [Video played of Mr AQ's statement]

10 **CHAIR:** Mr AQ, my name is Coral, I'm the chair of the Commission and I have been listening  
11 carefully to the recording that you have just done, and it's been played at our hearing.  
12 I want to thank you sincerely for doing that. I know you got emotional and I'm not  
13 surprised you got emotional because you were talking about difficult, serious and personal  
14 matters. I want you to know that although you were worried that you would not be  
15 believed, you have been believed, and I want to say how sorry I am that you have had to  
16 endure a life as a child where government and churches were supposed to look after you  
17 and they didn't, and they didn't prepare you properly for your life.

18 I know you are understandably suspicious that the work of the Commission won't  
19 lead to change. But what I can say is that with people like you who are courageous enough  
20 to come forward, the stories, the accounts, cannot be ignored any longer. One of the  
21 reasons why there has been no change is that nobody has been able to hear those stories in  
22 public and you have done a wonderful job of explaining what happened to you, the impact  
23 it had on you, the effects on your life, and with people like you coming forward, that is our  
24 best way of making change. So thank you so much and I hope that you go well after giving  
25 this evidence. Thank you very much, Mr AQ.

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