

**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'imuamua Sandra Alofivae

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Ms Alana Thomas and Mr Sam Wimsett as other counsel attending

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Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry
414 Khyber Pass Road
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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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4 **[Karakia tīmatanga and waiata by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei]**

5 **CHAIR:** Welcome to everybody here and listening in to this final day of the Marylands hearing.

6 I'll invite Ms Anderson to tell us what the order of the day is. Thank you Ms Anderson.

7 **MS ANDERSON:** Thank you Madam Chair. The first session here we're going to hear three
8 pre-recorded evidence from three of the witnesses, followed by a documentary that's been
9 prepared for the Inquiry and once we've got through that, so the documentary itself is 40
10 minutes long. And we'll take a break when that's concluded and come back for closing
11 submissions.

12 **CHAIR:** Very well. I'll just give a general warning at this stage about the documentary, and I will
13 also repeat it just before it begins. The documentary is about The Order of St John of God,
14 it will be played, as Ms Anderson says, it's about 40 minutes long. It includes images of
15 some survivors and some of the Brothers of St John of God who were convicted for abusing
16 some of the survivors.

17 It also has images of other Brothers who are the subject of reports of abuse. I'm
18 saying this because if you think, if you're watching, if you think that these images might
19 trigger you or cause you upset or harm, please consider that and make your own decision as
20 to whether you want to watch the video or not.

21 If you don't want to watch it, I suggest that you turn off the link for the 40 minutes
22 that it's played and then if you want to rejoin, of course you're welcome to come back. I
23 will repeat this warning just before the video.

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1 **MS ANDERSON:** Thank you, Madam Chair, and we'll go to the technology which will bring up
2 the first of these survivor voice pre-recorded evidence from, the first one being Mr CB.

[Video played of Mr CB's statement]

COMMISSIONER ALOFIVAE: Mr CB, good morning, my name is Sandra Alofivae, I'm one of the Commissioners here with the Inquiry. I want to thank you this morning, I want to thank you for being very courageous and brave and sharing things that are really intimate in your life that have gone on. The fact that you went there to learn and in actual fact you didn't learn, you were made to stay in the kitchen the whole time, and the lifelong impact that that has had on you now and how it actually, it's made you feel over the decades and which you've continued to struggle with reading and writing and even just the basic things like the using of a phone, being able to stay in contact with others.

We hear, we hear the pain still and the emotion in your voice. And so our aroha to you is that you're going to stay in contact with our well-being team and that you will remain with us for this journey to actually see what we're able to do with your evidence, and those of all of the others that are coming forward, to help us be able to put forward some strong recommendations, like you said, for better support for young boys like you back in those days when you were in Maryland. So stay well and I hope you remain in contact with our Commission. Thank you.

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