

**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)
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Date: 17 February 2022

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

[Video played of Mr CZ's statement]

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2 **CHAIR:** Mr CZ, my name is Coral, I'm the Chair of the Royal Commission and I've just watched
3 your recording of your account of what happened to you at Marylands. It's deeply
4 troubling and it's troubling because of the fact of -- the thing that I noticed particularly was
5 that you kept on talking about losing control. You didn't want to go there in the first place,
6 you didn't agree to it, and when you were there you had no control, your parents had no
7 control, and in that you lost trust in the people around you, you had nowhere to go.

8 You went because you were promised an education and that was denied. It is
9 shocking that you say that your experience at Marylands destroyed you. It's a terrible thing
10 to have to acknowledge and I salute your bravery and your courage in doing so.

11 I also salute the way in which you have been so protective of your parents; your
12 parents who thought they were doing the right thing and who would be appalled to know
13 the details of what actually happened to you. I admire that. You could have been bitter
14 towards them, but you have not and we salute you for that courage and stance that you've
15 taken towards your parents; who seem to have done, in spite of everything that's happened
16 to you, a very good job of putting you on the right path.

17 You recognise that when something like this happens to a child that it can destroy
18 their life. It certainly has strong impacts which you've had.

19 And the last thing I want to say is that I really admire the fact that you've done this,
20 not for yourself, but for other children and your desire to protect other children. I just want
21 to assure you that that is why the Commission is here to listen to the accounts of what
22 happened and to learn from that, so that this abuse cannot happen again.

23 For that reason, I want to thank you sincerely on behalf of the Commission for the
24 effort, the pain and suffering that you've gone through to do this, and I just urge you to take
25 whatever well-being care that we can offer you to help you through this time. Thank you
26 very much indeed.

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