
TASMANIA JOINING REDRESS SCHEME HERALDED

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Relationships Australia Tasmania today congratulated the Tasmanian Government on its decision to opt in to the National Redress Scheme.

“This decision will mean a great deal to the survivors of child sexual abuse for many reasons,” Relationships Australia Tasmania’s Director of Early Intervention Services Jules Carroll said.

“Redress will go some way to righting the injustices perpetrated against the survivors of abuse.

“The Redress Scheme is an acknowledgement of their pain and suffering - and recognises the effect of trauma on their lives, their health, their relationships and the myriad scars abuse leaves behind.”

Ms Carroll said the National Redress Scheme, a key recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, will not only provide money to survivors of abuse.

“It also represents the opportunity for a personal response from the institutions responsible for the abuse, as well as access to counselling and support.

“All three elements can make a huge difference to the lives of survivors. The government has shown compassion, understanding and a willingness to see justice done by its decision to support victims in this way.”

About Relationships Australia Tasmania

At Relationships Australia Tasmania (RA Tas) we provide families, couples, individuals, older people, children and communities with tools and strategies, so that they have healthy, positive lives.

- Our focus is on: healthy relationships, discrimination, harassment, conflict resolution, parenting, cultural issues and mental health
- We offer people the services and support they need, when they need it to assist them when life presents challenges. This may be to do with a relationship, work, past trauma or other personal challenges.
- We aim to support people in ways that matter to them.
- Services are available to all people regardless of cultural background, family structure, economic situation, religious beliefs, gender or sexual orientation.

We help more than 8000 Tasmanian every year to transform and change their lives through counselling, mediation, dispute resolution, support and training.

- Counselling – allows you to talk about change and understanding what you want and how to achieve them
- Mediation – helps you navigate and negotiate things which need to be resolved
- Dispute Resolution – helps people reach agreement on things that matter
- Support – provides the tools and strategies to help with mental health, family violence, addiction, trauma, parenting and relationships
- Training – is delivered in workplaces, community and other service providers

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