

## DECLINING THE OFFER OF REDRESS

This is the **approved form** for declining an offer of redress under section 45 of the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018*.

The applicant or their legal nominee can use this form to **decline the offer of redress**. If this form is completed and returned to the National Redress Scheme (the Scheme), the offer will be declined. This means the applicant will no longer be able to request a review of their redress offer, make another application to the Scheme, or later decide to accept the offer.

### How to tell us about your decision

Complete this form and return it to the Scheme **before** the end of the acceptance period included in the applicant's redress outcome letter.

**OR**

**Do nothing** and let the acceptance period end. The day after your acceptance period ends, the Scheme will understand that I/the applicant:

- **have/has chosen not to accept** the redress offer meaning it is declined
- will not apply for a review of the redress offer, if a review is available
- cannot make another application to the Scheme, and
- if applicable, will repay the \$10,000 advance payment of redress to the Commonwealth.

This will not apply if the applicant already applied for a review, and the review has not yet been completed at the end of the acceptance period.

**If you need more time to decide**, contact the Scheme on **1800 737 377**. The Scheme cannot extend the acceptance period after this completed form is received.

### Please tell us who is completing this form

- I am the Applicant
- I am the Redress Legal Nominee\*

\*As the appointed redress legal nominee, I am declining the offer of redress on behalf of the applicant.

**Note:** An assistance nominee cannot decline an offer of redress on behalf of the applicant.

### Please complete this section and sign and date the next page.

I am providing this form to the National Redress Scheme, to **decline the offer** made on the application for redress for:

<b>RV number</b>	<b>RV00</b>
<b>Applicant's name:</b> (required)	(Please print applicant's name <b>in full</b> )

I understand that this decision means **there is no longer any entitlement to redress**.

I decline **all components of redress** made to me/the applicant in the letter of offer.

I acknowledge that I/the applicant will not be able to make another application for redress under the Scheme. I also acknowledge that, by declining the offer of redress, I/the applicant can no longer seek a review of the redress offer.

I acknowledge that by declining the offer of redress, if a \$10,000 advanced payment of redress was paid to me/the applicant by the Scheme, I/the applicant **must** repay this amount to the Commonwealth.


I acknowledge that by declining the offer of redress made, the participating institution(s) determined as responsible to provide redress, are not released from civil liability for the abuse that I/the applicant experienced, and that the option to take civil proceedings against the institution(s) may remain open to me/the applicant.

I understand that the Scheme provides and recommends that people access **free legal advice** to help make a decision on the offer of redress. In making this decision I/the applicant have/has chosen to **(mark one box below)**:

- access free legal advice through **knowmore** and decline the offer of redress.
- access private legal advice at my own expense and decline the offer of redress.
- not access legal advice and decline the offer of redress.

**Please sign below to declare that information in this form is complete and correct.**

By signing this form, I/the applicant understand the effect of declining the offer of redress as explained in this form.

<b>Signature:</b> (Applicant or Legal Nominee)	
<b>Printed Name:</b> (Applicant or Legal Nominee)	(Please print your full name)
<b>Date signed:</b>	_____/_____/_____ (DD/MM/YYYY)

### FREE SUPPORT SERVICES

The Scheme provides free legal advice through **knowmore**. You can contact knowmore at **knowmore.org.au** or call **1800 605 762** (call charges may apply). If calling from overseas, please call +61 2 8267 7400.

You are encouraged to contact knowmore as you consider your options for redress.

You can also get advice and emotional support from Redress Support Services.

Find a support service near you at **nationalredress.gov.au/support/explore** or call the Scheme on **1800 737 377**.

### PRIVACY INFORMATION

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Act 2018* and the *Privacy Act 1988*.

The Australian Government Department of Social Services (the department) administers the National Redress Scheme (the Scheme), assisted by Services Australia. Your personal information is collected and handled by the department, and where applicable Services Australia, for the purposes of administering the Scheme. Your information may be given to third parties with your consent, or where the law allows or requires it.

You can find out more about the way the department will manage your personal information, including the Privacy Policy and Privacy Notices for the Scheme, at **www.nationalredress.gov.au/about/privacy**.