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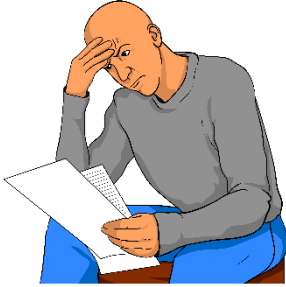


# **Crown Response to the Abuse in Care Inquiry: Pānui / Newsletter**



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## Before you start



This document talks about abuse.

This information may upset some people when they are reading it.



This information is not meant to scare anyone.

If you are upset after reading this document you can talk to your:

- whānau / family
- friends.





You can also contact Need to Talk by:

- calling 1737
- texting 1737



It does not cost any money to call / text 1737.



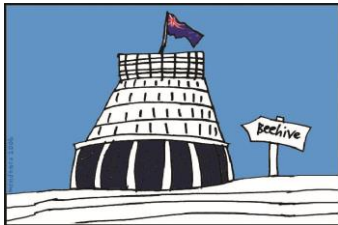
If you do not feel safe call the police on **111**

# About this pānui / newsletter



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This Easy Read pānui / newsletter is from the **Crown Response Office**.



The **Crown Response Office** is part of the Government.

It makes sure the Government does the things the **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** said it needed to do.



The **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** found out information about how people were hurt in:

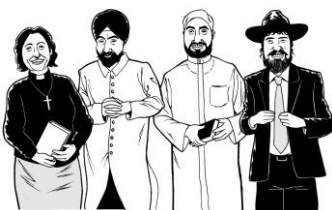
- **state care**
- **faith-based care.**



In this Easy Read the **Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care** is called the **Royal Commission** for short.



**State care** is when the Government is in charge of looking after you.



**Faith-based care** is when a religious group like a church is in charge of looking after you.



This pānui / newsletter is from  
February 2025.



You can find more  
pānui / newsletters on this **website**:

**[www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.  
nz/news/newsletter](http://www.abuseinquiryresponse.govt.nz/news/newsletter)**

# The survivor focused fund



The Royal Commission found out that there are about 4000 **unmarked graves** around Aotearoa New Zealand.



A **grave** is a place where a body is buried.



An **unmarked grave** does not have anything to tell you where the grave is like a headstone.



The people buried in the unmarked graves died when they were in:

- state care
- faith-based care.

These unmarked graves are in:

- Auckland
- Waikato
- Nelson
- Rangitikei
- Horowhenua
- Porirua
- Otago
- Westland
- Canterbury.



These unmarked graves are part of:

- **psychiatric sites**
- **psychopaedic sites.**







**Psychiatric sites** are hospitals for people who have a **mental illness**.



**Mental illnesses** are problems with the way a person feels like:

- anxiety
- depression
- schizophrenia.



**Psychopaedic sites** were hospitals for people with learning disability.



The Crown Response Office has set up the **Survivor Support and Recognition Fund**.



**Local authorities** can ask the Survivor Support and Recognition Fund to give them money.



**Local authorities** are the governments for different parts of Aotearoa New Zealand like:

- city councils
- district councils.



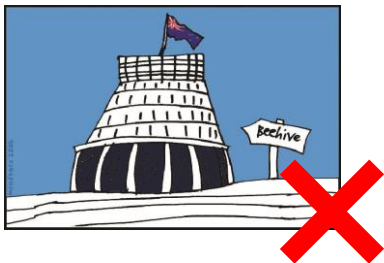
Local authorities can use the money to:

- look after unmarked graves
- remember the people buried in the unmarked graves.





**Non-governmental organisations** that support survivors can also ask the Survivor Support and Recognition Fund to give them money.



### **Non-governmental organisations:**

- do work that supports people to live good lives
- do not try to make money
- are not part of the Government.

An example of a non-governmental organisation is a charity.



Non-governmental organisations can use money from the Survivor Support and Recognition Fund to support survivors to:



- be part of their **communities**
- get something to make up for being hurt in care
- find their **records**
- get back in touch with their whānau / family.



**Communities** are groups of people who have something the same about them like:



- living in the same place
- being disabled.

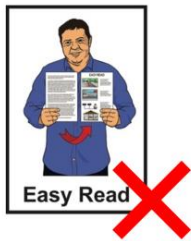


Here **records** are written information about when someone was in care.



You can find out more about the Survivor Support and Recognition Fund on this **website**:

<https://tinyurl.com/4d2rab6s>



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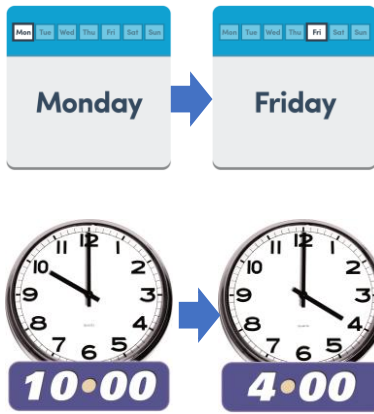
You can **email** the Survivor Support and Recognition Fund at:

[SSRF@dia.govt.nz](mailto:SSRF@dia.govt.nz)



You can **phone** the Survivor Support and Recognition Fund on:

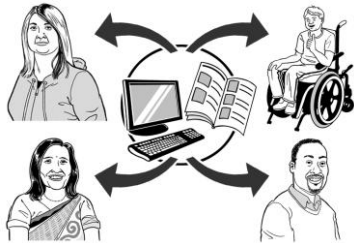
**0800 824 824**



You can phone them:

- on Monday to Friday
- from 10 am to 4 pm.

# Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit



The Government has decided to share some information about the **Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit**.



The **Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit** was 1 of the places where people were in state care.



Some people were **tortured** at the Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit.

**Torture** means hurting someone very badly on purpose.

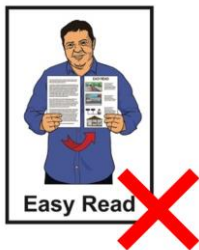


The Government is sharing information about what they are doing for survivors to make up for being tortured at Lake Alice Child and Adolescent Unit.



You can find the information on this **website**:

<https://tinyurl.com/2n6xkt4b>



The information is **not** in Easy Read.

Some of the information is **redacted**.



**Redacted** means the information is hidden so you cannot read it.

For example the information might be covered by a black box.





Redacting information helps to protect people.



For example people who work in the Government feel more comfortable saying what they think if they know their name will stay secret.



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