



STATEMENT FROM THE OCEANIA PROVINCE OF THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS – BROTHER REX ELMER

19 February 2021

“The Province acknowledges the often-lifelong harm caused by such crimes.

“To those men who experienced abuse as children – the crimes of which Brother Elmer has been sentenced on today - we extend our sincere and unreserved apology.

“The Christian Brothers accept that children in our care were failed by the very people charged with their care and protection and for this – and the pain and hurt that has resulted – we are truly sorry.” – The Oceania Province of the Christian Brothers.

Ends

Information on support and reporting

The Christian Brothers are a participating institution in the National Redress Scheme which can be contacted on 1800 737 377 or www.nationalredress.gov.au

Any person who has experienced abuse in any of our facilities can contact our Professional Standards Office on 03 8359 0134 for expert help and support.

The Province urges any person who has any evidence of criminal conduct – no matter how long ago that has occurred - to report that to their local Police or contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.