Inquiry into the operation of the National Redress Scheme Submission 17 - Response to supplementary submission 17.1 from Harrow Legal

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To: Committee, JSCINRS (REPS)

Subject: RE: [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive] Redress Committee - right of reply to submission from Tuart Place

Dear Nathan

I refer to your email dated 24 August 2023.

I am an employed solicitor with Harrow Legal.

The firm was approached to review cases where members of the community had pursued claims for compensation for sexual abuse under the National Redress Scheme.

Some of the people interviewed had received significant amounts under the NRS and they were advised that it would not be in their interest to make an application to set aside the settlement and proceed with a Common Law Claim as is confirmed in the email from Dr Philippa White to Senators Bilyk and Smith on 20 July 2023.

With regards to the remaining members, after a consideration of the circumstances and nature of abuse it was recommended that it is in their best interest that no further action is taken to set aside the compensation award under the NRS.

All of these services were provided on a "no-win, no fee basis" to assist the members of the community in accessing legal advice to enable them to assess their legal options and exercise their options.

It is respectfully submitted that the conduct of the firm cannot be classified as "claims farming".

Kind Regards Naushad Husaini **Solicitor**



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