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Thank you for your email to

The National Redress Scheme is designed so that victims of child sexual abuse can receive financial support from the institution where they were abused. The ACC supports the National Redress Scheme and we encourage every church in our movement to opt in so that we can help these victims.

To

Couldn't we as a movement offer financial support to Brett Sengstock for the abuse he received from Frank Houston... I think that is the least we as God's representatives could do for him and the many others who have suffered....

Regards,

30/03/2020

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Dear Pastor,

I pray you are refreshed from our excellent State Conferences and ready for final two months of the year in the lead up to Christmas and New Year. I believe we are set to finish strong. Let's keep Jesus at the forefront of everything we do.

**Prayer and Relief**

29/03/2020

The severity of the drought continues to devastate our nation as towns and communities now face the reality of running out of water. Added to this, the bushfire season has started early so let's continue to lead prayer initiatives in our congregations, that desperately needed rain will fall to break this drought.

We can also come alongside and support those in the drought-affected areas, and already there are some great stories of how local churches are supporting communities. We are working on an Adopt-A-Church program for our movement, but if you are already in relationship with a church in the drought regions, please feel free to launch your own initiative to help in whatever way you can.

I'd also like to remind you that ACCI Relief will be keeping both our [Drought Appeal](#) and [Bushfire Appeal](#) open indefinitely so you can assist financially through offerings and donations.

### **ACC & Hillsong**

I wanted to update you on what is happening with the change in relationship between ACC and Hillsong. Following my announcement at the National Conference and address by Pastor Brian Houston, we have been working on an MOU to help navigate this new territory. I am pleased to say that this MOU has been finalised. I've listed some of the highlights of this new agreement below, to give you some sense of the ongoing partnership.

- ACC will continue to recognise ACC pastors who attend Hillsong Church (e.g. ACC Itinerant ministers),
- Hillsong and ACC will continue to share developed resources, including policies, procedures, positional statements and research data,
- Hillsong members will continue to serve on ACC related boards and committees (e.g. ACSF, ACCI, Alphacrucis),
- Hillsong will continue to make significant financial contributions towards the work of ACC,
- There is a standing invitation for Ps Brian to be involved in discussions around future vision/strategy.

Our main aim is that ACC and Hillsong will continue to maintain and build upon the many years of unity, relationship, fellowship and friendship both parties have enjoyed. We look forward to continuing to work together in relationship to

the advancement of the Kingdom, and we welcome Hillsong team members to any ACC regional, state and national events.

### **Redress Scheme**

Our commitment to Child Protection remains a major focus for our movement, as well as our support for the survivors of child sexual abuse. After much discussions with government agencies since 2014, ACS Mutual has finally been accepted and recognised as a Participating Group of the National Redress Scheme, enabling ACC Churches to opt-in via this Group.

ACS has written to all Mutual members, and it is now very important for individual ACC churches to confirm their participation in the Scheme through ACS. Many of our churches, including Hillsong, have already provided this confirmation to ACS. Thank you to those who have done so but I encourage **every** church to take this important step. Please don't leave this too late; help ACS Mutual to help you.

For more information to opt in, contact ACS on **1800 646 777**.

To watch the video shown at State Conferences, [click here](#)

### **Thank you**

Thank you to all those who made individual submissions to the Inquiry into Age Verification for Online Wagering and Online Pornography. I personally made a [submission](#) as a concerned citizen, in addition to the one made by the ACC, as we need to do everything we can to protect children and future generations in our nation.

Let's be vigilant in these times as we are in the midst of many battles and there are so many needs for breakthrough across our nation. Your ongoing prayers for our National Executive team and their families are greatly appreciated.

I hope you have a strong final quarter of the year as we build to the important season of Christmas.



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