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<b>1. Is this an individual response or are you officially responding on behalf of an organisation?</b>	Individual
<b>2. Please provide your name</b>	Kieran Tapsell
<b>3. Please indicate your stakeholder group(s) :</b>	Other (please specify): Canon law researcher
<b>8. Please select the state(s) and/or territory(s) you are based in?</b>	New South Wales
<b>Do you consent to your identifying details being published, in addition to your responses, on the CPSL website?</b>	Yes, CPSL can publish my identifying details
<b>General feedback relating to the Standards</b>	
<b>2. I/we believe that the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards create conditions that will increase the likelihood of identifying and reporting harm to children in Catholic entities.</b>	Agree
<b>3. I/we believe that the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards will facilitate appropriate response to disclosures, allegations and suspicions of harm to children in Catholic entities.</b>	Agree
<b>4. I/we believe that the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards will reduce the likelihood of harm to children in Catholic entities.</b>	Agree
<b>Please provide further explanation regarding your choice of responses to questions 1 to 4, either by providing a general comment below and/or providing specific comments against each Standard in the next section of the Survey.</b>	: The Royal Commission found that canon law still prohibits the reporting of allegations of child sexual abuse by clergy to their superiors in those jurisdictions that do not have adequate reporting laws. The letter of the CDF to the ACBC of 22 February 2013 that the CDF had exclusive jurisdiction over clerics, and that sections 39 and 40 of Towards Healing (which provide for mandatory reporting in all cases irrespective of civil law requirements) “are applicable only to non-clerics.” In other words, Art. 30 of SST 2010 imposing the pontifical secret applies to all
<b>5. General/Overall comments on the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards</b>	

allegations and information about clerics. Towards Healing 2016 dropped the mandatory reporting requirements for clerics and amended it to comply with this letter. Standard 6.3 by requiring compliance with canon law also requires continuation of the cover up in every State and Territory except NSW and Victoria.