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1. Is this an individual response or are you officially responding on behalf of an organisation?	Individual
2. Please provide your name	Rick Bailey
3. Please indicate your stakeholder group(s) :	Parishioner, Church volunteer
8. Please select the state(s) and/or territory(s) you are based in?	Queensland
Do you consent to your identifying details being published, in addition to your responses, on the CPSL website?	Yes, CPSL can publish my identifying details
General feedback relating to the Standards	
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.	Agree
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.	Disagree
4. I/we believe that the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards will reduce the likelihood of harm to children in Catholic entities.	Disagree
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.	See general feedback
5. General/Overall comments on the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards	
Standard 1: Committed leadership, governance and culture	

1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?	Insufficient
1a. Please explain your response.	All the points need to be very simple.
2. What are the key challenges and opportunities for improvement in relation to the topic covered by this Standard? Will the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards address and alleviate these challenges?	The more bureaucracy you put into a system, the easier it is for someone to get around it.
3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?	The main problem in the past seems to have been the relocation of those who abused people. The one bishop who stood up against an abuser was sacked by Rome.
4. Are there any gaps in the Standard, Criteria, Indicators or Implementation and Evidence Guide that you can identify, or areas that have not been covered?	The more you write the more gaps there can be. Keep it simple - remember the "KISS" principal.
Standard 2: Children are safe, informed and participate	
1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?	Somewhat effective
1a. Please explain your response.	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
2. What are the key challenges and opportunities for improvement in relation to the topic covered by this Standard? Will the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards address and alleviate these challenges?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?	Different states whit different ideas, one size does not fit all.
4. Are there any gaps in the Standard, Criteria, Indicators or Implementation and Evidence Guide that you can identify, or areas that have not been covered?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
Standard 3: Partnering with families, carers and communities	
1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic	Somewhat effective

entities?	
1a. Please explain your response.	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
2. What are the key challenges and opportunities for improvement in relation to the topic covered by this Standard? Will the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards address and alleviate these challenges?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
4. Are there any gaps in the Standard, Criteria, Indicators or Implementation and Evidence Guide that you can identify, or areas that have not been covered?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
Standard 4: Equity is promoted and diversity is respected	
1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?	Somewhat effective
1a. Please explain your response.	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
2. What are the key challenges and opportunities for improvement in relation to the topic covered by this Standard? Will the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards address and alleviate these challenges?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
4. Are there any gaps in the Standard, Criteria, Indicators or Implementation and Evidence Guide that you can identify, or areas that have not been covered?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
Standard 5: Robust human resource management	
1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic	Somewhat effective

entities?	
1a. Please explain your response.	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
2. What are the key challenges and opportunities for improvement in relation to the topic covered by this Standard? Will the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards address and alleviate these challenges?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
4. Are there any gaps in the Standard, Criteria, Indicators or Implementation and Evidence Guide that you can identify, or areas that have not been covered?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
Standard 6: Effective complaints management	
1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?	Somewhat effective
1a. Please explain your response.	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
2. What are the key challenges and opportunities for improvement in relation to the topic covered by this Standard? Will the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards address and alleviate these challenges?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
4. Are there any gaps in the Standard, Criteria, Indicators or Implementation and Evidence Guide that you can identify, or areas that have not been covered?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
Standard 7: Ongoing education and training	
1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic	Somewhat effective

entities?	
1a. Please explain your response.	DO NOT WASTE VOLUNTEER'S TIME WITH "ONGOING TRAINING".Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
2. What are the key challenges and opportunities for improvement in relation to the topic covered by this Standard? Will the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards address and alleviate these challenges?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
4. Are there any gaps in the Standard, Criteria, Indicators or Implementation and Evidence Guide that you can identify, or areas that have not been covered?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
Standard 8: Safe physical and online environments	
1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?	Somewhat effective
1a. Please explain your response.	Why is the Church responsible in any way of "online environments? Surely it is up to people themselves or parents to control this?
2. What are the key challenges and opportunities for improvement in relation to the topic covered by this Standard? Will the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards address and alleviate these challenges?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
4. Are there any gaps in the Standard, Criteria, Indicators or Implementation and Evidence Guide that you can identify, or areas that have not been covered?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
Standard 9: Policies and procedures support child safety	

1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?	Somewhat effective
1a. Please explain your response.	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
2. What are the key challenges and opportunities for improvement in relation to the topic covered by this Standard? Will the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards address and alleviate these challenges?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
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Standard 10: Regular improvement	
1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?	Somewhat effective
1a. Please explain your response.	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
2. What are the key challenges and opportunities for improvement in relation to the topic covered by this Standard? Will the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards address and alleviate these challenges?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.
3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?	Refer to the previous comments and those at the end.

4. Are there any gaps in the Standard, Criteria, Indicators or Implementation and Evidence Guide that you can identify, or areas that have not been covered?

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This whole system now assumes that everyone is an abuser and so tries to overcome a problem that generally does not exist. Whereas the vast majority of people are not abusers but are being as if they were and made to suffer because of the actions of a few in the past and the even more despicable actions of their bosses in simply relocating them so they can do the same to others.

AS A GENERAL COMMENT, in Queensland, the church has created a huge bureaucracy and is continuing to increase it which not only must be costing a fortune but wastes huge amounts of paper and volunteer's time (refer to the Pope's edict about looking after our world). The sad part of all this is that because of its complexity, it provides more opportunity to circumvent it and at the same time the State Government has a system (Blue Card) which is probably more effective and costs nothing to have volunteers accredited and, beside which, we all have to have a Blue Card anyway. So why not just use the Government system and use the money saved in areas of real need? (I believe that other states also have a similar system to the Queensland system).

Another point, If someone came across abuse or suspected abuse, the only action that should be taken is to report it to the police. If this was the stated action then most of all the above would be redundant.

Remember "KISS" (Keep It Simple S...)