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1. Is this an individual response or are you officially responding on behalf of an organisation?	Non-Catholic entity
7a. Please provide your organisation's name	Guyra Neighbourhood Centre Inc. t/a The Hub at Guyra
8. Please select the state(s) and/or territory(s) you are based in?	New South Wales
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.	Agree
4. I/we believe that the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards will reduce the likelihood of harm to children in Catholic entities.	Agree
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.	One hopes that my 'Agree' comment will not be taken to mean too much. I would have liked to have had a fifth choice of 'somewhat agree' because you cannot totally ensure that all will be well in the future.
5. General/Overall comments on the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards	Please ensure when you go out to community that you include Neighbourhood and Community Centres and Hubs. These are the organisations where sufferers and victims often find themselves most accepted and able to 'unload' without the mantle of Church and community to

restrict their pain. We are the space where mid-40s men are flocking to unload their grief, pain and anger at their communities and priests who a) failed them and b) did not believe them. They are in crisis and the Commission has opened so many wounds it is extraordinary. Where once, as kids and teens, they retracted their initial complaints just to cover things up because no-one believed them, some of them now have families demanding to know "why in the world are you bringing up all this now - 30 and 40 years later?" This refusal of families to acknowledge the pain of their brothers (and in some cases, I'm sure, sisters) is tipping many over the edge into further emotional distress and depression. In some cases the wounds have been reopened by the police investigating complaints, and by local community members' contribution to the police intelligence from decades ago. Please feel free to call me on [REDACTED] if you wish to discuss further. Chris Hietbrink. Guyra.