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1. Is this an individual response or are you officially responding on behalf of an organisation?	Catholic entity
2. Please provide your name	
4. Please provide the name of the Catholic entity you are officially responding on behalf of	Diocese of Ballarat
6. Please indicate the approximate number of Church personnel affiliated with your organisation	1001 - 5000
8. Please select the state(s) and/or territory(s) you are based in?	Victoria
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	
1. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are: - Easy to understand	Agree
1. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are: - Presented in a logical manner	Agree
1. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are: - User-friendly	Disagree
1. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are: - Consistent and accurate in their use of terminology	Agree
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

<p>4. I/we believe that the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards will reduce the likelihood of harm to children in Catholic entities.</p>	<p>Agree</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>5. General/Overall comments on the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards</p>	<p>The Standards are very comprehensive. I like the detailed commentary about how a Church Authority can meet the standard. I do think that the format is not really user friendly. this could be solved by perhaps incorporating the standards in a book format (see the Victorian Child Safe standards).</p> <p>I am also concerned that the large amount of information will "frighten" some people, especially those who are small and lack resources (or rely on volunteers). The Vic Child Safe Standards have been difficult to implement in a number of parishes.</p> <p>Perhaps it would be best to release the Standards in two or more stages? This way the core standards could be released along with general commentary and more detail added afterwards. CCYP adopted this approach with the Victorian Reportable Conduct Scheme by using information sheets.</p> <p>I am concerned about regulation overload/fatigue and that parishes will just give up (some have already).</p> <p>The Diocese is by law obliged to apply the Vic Child Safe Standards. Therefore I see that Church standards as additional to the Vic Standards. The challenge is to compare the Church standards to the Vic standards to ascertain what additional steps are required to ensure compliance with the Church standards. It would be very useful in Victoria if CPS was able to align the Church standards against the Victorian Standards to identify the additional steps to ensure compliance with Church standards.</p>