

<b>Submitted Date</b>	31-May-2018 18:10
<b>Total Time Taken</b>	5708.75
<b>Come-back-Later Code</b>	32VG6CFEYU
<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>	Margaret Honner IBVM
<b>3. Please indicate your stakeholder group(s) :</b>	Child/young person, Parent/carer, Victim/survivor, Advocate, Parishioner, Clergy/Religious, Professional, Church volunteer, Community member, Other (please specify): Addiction Recovery Specialist including Sex Addictions
<b>8. Please select the state(s) and/or territory(s) you are based in?</b>	South Australia
<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>1. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are: - Easy to understand</b>	Disagree
<b>1. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are: - Presented in a logical manner</b>	Disagree
<b>1. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are: - User-friendly</b>	Disagree
<b>1. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are: - Consistent and accurate in their use of terminology</b>	Disagree
<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>	Disagree
<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>	Disagree

<p>4. I/we believe that the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards will reduce the likelihood of harm to children in Catholic entities.</p>	<p>Disagree</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>In my submission I take an alternative stance to the directives of National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. On reading my representations you will observe that my position is at variance with the above questions which means that the questions are not applicable to me.</p>
<p><b>Standard 1: Committed leadership, governance and culture</b></p>	
<p>1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?</p>	<p>Needs improvement</p>
<p>1a. Please explain your response.</p>	<p>In my submission I represent the inadequacies of the Standard, particularly the absence of professionally valid spiritual resources.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>There is a need for incorporation of tried and true, authentic spiritual healing remedies as recommended in my representation.</p>
<p>3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?</p>	<p>The proliferation of rules and regulations, judicial proceedings in courts of law and financial handouts may have a limited place as I explain in my submission. I suggest we heed the psychiatrist, Carl Jung's advice - spiritus contra spiritus, that is, a spiritual healing for a spiritual malady. Examples are recorded in my submission which addresses the broad spectrum of dysfunctional situations, the background to paedophilia.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>Unless the Church's approach is underpinned by an environment of authentic spirituality as discussed in my submission the Church will in effect be side-stepping the issue.</p>

## 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?**

Insufficient

**1a. Please explain your response.**

Whilst authorities in the Church continue to ignore the role of the Holy Spirit in achieving reform I do not hold out much hope for the safeguarding of children (or adults).

**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 challenges remain the same as in my previous answers. I can't see any reason why the NCSS will do more than suggest that we are sincere in our efforts. My comments in my submission address this matter.

**3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?**

They avoid the existential problem. For example, police clearances to my mind are a farce and a waste of taxpayers funding. The police would be better employed in protecting public order. All these clearances do is indicate that a proportion of paedophiles have not yet been apprehended. A simpler approach would be to provide the framework for Church agencies to access police records of convicted paedophiles to prevent them from being employed in our agencies.

**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?**

Areas that have not been covered are the subject of my attached submission.

## Standard 3: Partnering with families, carers and communities

**1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?**

Insufficient

**1a. Please explain your response.**

Same as above. The background dysfunction in many families needs to be treated before the Standards are likely to have much effect. It is well known that children from addictive backgrounds are vulnerable to inappropriate attention.

<p><b>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?</b></p>	<p>It would help if the Catholic Church overcame the rampant deism which prevents us from promoting spiritual structures for safeguarding children and spiritual healing from soul destroying abuse which is certain to continue whilst we remain human. Rules and regulations have their place but they are insufficient to prevent crime. Examples of murder, rape, violence, corruption, abuse of power etc. proliferate in our media regardless of the rules that are supposed to protect the community. Surely the role of the Church is to promote contrary spiritual values to overcome crimes of all sorts including sex abuse.</p>
<p><b>3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?</b></p>	<p>Human nature and the negligence of the Church in resorting to secular solutions in the absence of publicly promoted professionally valid spiritual resources.</p>
<p><b>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?</b></p>	<p>There doesn't seem to be any evidence of the long tradition of the Church in providing authentic spiritual programmes for its people, e.g., The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola as adapted in my representation.</p>
<p><b>Standard 4: Equity is promoted and diversity is respected</b></p>	
<p><b>1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?</b></p>	<p>Insufficient</p>
<p><b>1a. Please explain your response.</b></p>	<p>When I first began working in addiction recovery, nearly forty years ago in USA, the conservative estimate was that 10 to 12% of the population are addicted to alcohol and 5 to 6% addicted to other drugs, at least 15% between the lot. In spite of my efforts I don't see that number diminishing in Australia where more and more powerful drugs and the synergistic effect of multiple drug use is creating even more serious problems. Unless we use our state of the art spiritual resources for addressing this cultural crisis there is little hope of alleviating sexual abuse which normally, if not always, emerges</p>

	from an addictive environment, "instinct gone awry" to quote Alcoholics Anonymous.
<b>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?</b>	A belief in God and his power to heal would be a good start. Since there has been no apparent attempt to address this challenge and opportunity I doubt that the NCSS will be anything more than a complicated bureaucratic morass.
<b>3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?</b>	Same as above.
<b>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?</b>	Same as above.
<b>Standard 5: Robust human resource management</b>	
<b>1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?</b>	Insufficient
<b>1a. Please explain your response.</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>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?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>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?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>Standard 6: Effective complaints management</b>	

<b>1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?</b>	Insufficient
<b>1a. Please explain your response.</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>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?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>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?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>Standard 7: Ongoing education and training</b>	
<b>1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?</b>	Insufficient
<b>1a. Please explain your response.</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>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?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>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?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?</b>	Insufficient

<b>Standard 8: Safe physical and online environments</b>	
<b>1a. Please explain your response.</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>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?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>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?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>Standard 9: Policies and procedures support child safety</b>	
<b>1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic entities?</b>	Insufficient
<b>1a. Please explain your response.</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>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?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>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?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>Standard 10: Regular improvement</b>	
<b>1. How would you rate this Standard in relation to safeguarding children from harm in Catholic</b>	Insufficient

entities?	
<b>1a. Please explain your response.</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>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?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>3. What are the main challenges and obstacles you can foresee to the implementation of, and achievement of compliance with, these Standards?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.
<b>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?</b>	Same as previous answers supported by my representative document attached.