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<b>1. Is this an individual response or are you officially responding on behalf of an organisation?</b>	Catholic entity
<b>4. Please provide the name of the Catholic entity you are officially responding on behalf of</b>	Anonymous
<b>5. Please indicate the type of Catholic entity you are officially responding on behalf of</b>	Diocese
<b>6. Please indicate the approximate number of Church personnel affiliated with your organisation</b>	1001 - 5000
<b>Do you consent to your identifying details being published, in addition to your responses, on the CPSL website?</b>	No, I do not want my identifying details published
<b>General feedback relating to the Standards</b>	
<b>1. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are: - Easy to understand</b>	Agree
<b>1. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are: - Presented in a logical manner</b>	Agree
<b>1. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are: - User-friendly</b>	Agree
<b>1. The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards are: - Consistent and accurate in their use of terminology</b>	Agree
<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</b>	Agree

<p>entities.</p>	
<p><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></p> <p><b>5. General/Overall comments on the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards</b></p>	<p>We strongly agree that the safeguarding of children is vital in the Church and wider community today.</p> <p>While we agree with the National Standards some parishes within our diocese may struggle with implementation due to their small size, the distances to travel for training, having no child related ministries and minimal volunteers.</p> <p>Another key challenge is not having adequate resources with some of our parishes running at a deficit. Their income is reducing rather than increasing and this has been the trend for many years as more families move to larger towns and cities. Rural Dioceses are also struggling financially</p> <p>How will CPSL audit struggling rural and remote parishes? Some have no school in their parish and minimal child related ministries.</p> <p>The majority of our priests are migrant priests and while some have been in Australia for many years others, who have only been here a short while, struggle with the cultural differences. The Diocese conducts Acculturation workshops to help these priests. New migrant priests rely heavily on the Parish Finance Committee and Parish Pastoral Council to help them with matters that relate to risk management and the like because this type of administrative work is not something they have had to deal with previously. We feel it is crucial that the Standards have a practical element that provides clear outlines of what must be done and how, at the parish level. It needs to be achievable.</p> <p>In WA, Catholic Education WA is responsible for all WA schools with the exception of Order run schools. The parish priest is the parish school chaplain but only attends the school when required so the interaction with children is</p>

limited. In the Bunbury Diocese priests do not have an office at the school.

Will there be a time frame by which certain standards need to be put into place making the process gradual rather than trying to achieve everything at once? Can the Standards be prioritised so that the most important ones are addressed first if not already?

Standard 5 – Robust human resource management 5.4.1. How will CPSL provide the Introductory Safeguarding Training for people in rural and remote parishes? Nearly all church personnel are volunteers and many work fulltime jobs during the week. Some volunteers live 2-3 hours drive from their Parish and Parishes can be up to 8 hours drive from the Diocese. Unless the training is doable parishes will lose their volunteers. The dynamic between rural and city parishes is vast – what considerations will CPSL take in this regard?

Standard 7 – Ongoing education and training indicates that refresher training needs to be undertaken at least annually.

We agree that workers need to undertake refresher training however having to provide this annually would put a lot of pressure on all parties. Most of our rural parishes are struggling to meet the finances required to have a priest and maintain their buildings – how does CPSL expect parishes to pay for the extra resources required to meet these refresher training standards annually?