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Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Abuse

The SANO Task Force was established to investigate historic and new allegations that have emanated from the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into child sex abuse involving Religious and Non-Government organisations. The task force will also coordinate investigations emerging from the Australian Government Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

SANO Task Force is based within Victoria Police's Crime Command and comprises specialist sexual assault detectives. SANO investigators will identify links between offenders and offences through the use of modern, specialist investigation methods.

SANO investigators are trained experts in sexual assault matters who will maintain the confidentiality of anyone who makes a complaint or wishes to provide information regarding child sexual abuse. Victoria Police are dedicated to accessing justice for victims, whether that is through a full judicial process by going to court or by simply telling their story.

How to contact the SANO Task Force

If you or someone you know has experienced child sexual abuse in an institutional context, we encourage you contact SANO Task Force via email sanotaskforce@police.vic.gov.au

If you want to report a child in immediate risk or danger of sexual abuse please call [Triple Zero \(000\)](#) or [contact your local police station](#).

Alternatively, you may wish to make a free call to the SANO Taskforce on **1800 110 007**. This free number is available to victims Australia-wide who may wish to report matters relating to child sexual abuse. There is a recorded voicemail message inviting victims to leave their contact details, and investigators will follow up these calls in the following days. The message system is checked each working day.

Investigators acknowledge the sensitivity of these issues and realise you may not be ready to disclose your identity to police. You can therefore choose to remain anonymous. If you do wish for investigators to contact you, please provide your name and phone numbers in your email.

The Taskforce will also provide advice for support services and referrals via the Royal Commission.

If you wish to find out more about the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse visit their website www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au

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