

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Organisations

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I am seeking a Royal Commission into the offences against children whilst they were in the care of the states, federal or state, or churches.

My particular interest is with offences committed against children who were held at the Wilson Detention Centre in Brisbane during the early 1980s.

It should not be limited to the workers of these centres but also include police officers who were responsible for the incarceration of the youths, as I am sure their hands are also guilty. It should also not be limited there, it should also include those people who even thought that such offences were being committed and did nothing to investigate such thoughts.

There is no statute of limitations on these offences and it is my belief that the perpetrators are still within the community.

These people were in a position of authority and had a high duty of care to the juveniles that were being held in state and federal institutions, which, I believe, to be an aggravated aspect to the offences.

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