

Dear Sir or Madam

I would like to make a late submission to the inquiry into the abuse of children by churches.

I attended the Geelong Revival Centre from the age of 4 to 31. During my time there I was physically assaulted by an elder of the church, Mr [REDACTED] when I was about fifteen or sixteen years of age. In the lounge room of my home, [REDACTED] struck me with a blow to the head causing me to lose consciousness for a short period of time. My mother was not in the room but she came to the room shortly afterwards. The church condoned the activity of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

I also became aware of sexual abuse of children within the Geelong Revival Centre. One girl, who lived with adopted parents and is now an adult in her fifties was raped many times by her adopted father who was in the Geelong Revival Centre. When the [REDACTED], [REDACTED], found out about this, he "stood them out of the assembly". He did not report the matter to the police as far as I know. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

A member of the GRC by the name of [REDACTED] was caught out sexually abusing Sunday school children. He was also "stood out of the assembly" by [REDACTED]. As far as I am aware [REDACTED] did not report [REDACTED] to the police. In fact, he accused the child of making the story up. Mr [REDACTED] also sexually assaulted my sister at a church outing in the 1980's. My sister was too scared to report this matter because of embarrassment and rejection by the church.

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I could give other examples of where [REDACTED] has flouted DHS regulations regarding the minding of children in the church's care. He has no regard for the law, and is on the record as saying, "I am the apostle of the only true church in the world".

I have not told the authorities about the time I was assaulted by [REDACTED] to avoid embarrassment and humiliation.

The Geelong Revival Centre is set up as a Pty Ltd company with [REDACTED] as sole shareholder. He does not believe he is accountable to anyone but God.

I would like the opportunity to speak at a hearing if possible.

Yours sincerely

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