The Hon Georgie Crozier MLC,  
Chairman, Family and Community Development  
Committee, Parliament of Victoria, Spring Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000  

19th September 2012

Dear Ms Crozier,

Inquiry into Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Organisations –  
COIN Submission no 16:  
*Not reinventing the wheel: Crime prevention Committee first report:  
Combatting Child Sexual Assault (May 1995)*

In this submission, COIN refers the Committee to the above ‘Inquiry into Sexual Offences Against  
Children and Adults’, chaired by the current Speaker of the House the Hon Ken Smith MP. The  

COIN refers the Committee particularly to the Report’s discussion of religious organisations (Ch 11.5)  
including material concerning the Catholic Church. COIN refers particularly to the following  
recommendations:

126: ‘that protocols be developed within religious organisations to ensure that authorities  
such as SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) were immediately notified of any suspected  
sexual assaults’.

130: ‘religious institutions develop protocols to ensure that evidence is not tainted by internal  
investigations or inquiries’.

COIN understands that in addition to valuable analysis and recommendations contained in this  
Report, now 17 years old, that the Catholic Church provided documents to the Committee of Inquiry  
and that such documents have been archived by the relevant parliamentary authorities. COIN  
recommends that the Committee consult with the Hon Ken Smith on these matters and that the  
Committee seek to access and review those documents for the purposes of the current Inquiry.

COIN requests that this submission be placed on the Committee’s public records.

Yours faithfully,

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