

FACT SHEET – REDRESS FUND



Why are we doing this?

The Anglican Diocese of Tasmania believes that providing redress (a payment, counselling costs, and the opportunity for a direct apology) for survivors of child sexual abuse is the right thing to do. It provides restorative justice, recognition and support for survivors.

With a significant number of child sexual abuse cases taking place in the 1960's, 70's and 80's, the Diocese has decided to join the National Redress Scheme, an independent government scheme to provide redress. We anticipate that around 150 survivors may come forward for redress, and that our liability will be in the order of \$8 million over the next ten years.

The Diocese cannot fund \$8 million out of its operations, nor can it fund the repayment of a loan of that magnitude. It does however have assets, including property and investments from the proceeds of previous property sales, it can utilise.

What will we do?

The Synod decided on 2 June 2018, to establish a Redress Fund for the Diocese to cover claims made against the Anglican Church of Tasmania. Funds will be derived from:

- Around \$2.9M from levies (of 25%) on funds from past property sales by the Diocese and parishes;
- Around \$1.1M from direct contributions by some larger parishes; and
- Around \$4.7M from levies (of 25%) of the net proceeds of the sale of 108 properties owned by the Diocese.

The Synod agreed to a [list of properties](#) that may be sold, and a [list of funds](#) that may be levied.

Properties: <https://tinyurl.com/y7rkwn7> Funds: <https://tinyurl.com/ydajapqc>

The proceeds of the sale of property will be directed as follows (see graphic: <https://tinyurl.com/yavl8x49>):

- 25% to the Redress Fund;
- 25% to the New Ministry Development Fund, of which 15% may be reclaimed by the Parish for the purposes of a new ministry; and
- 50% to remain in trust for Parish use.

The aim of this is to enable ministry activities to continue where property is sold with up to 65% of the proceeds available for local parish use.

How can you respond?

The Diocese will engage in a process of consultation with our parishes and with local communities to determine if properties or funds should be excluded from the lists for sale or levy. An independent Probity Advisor will oversee this process. The key dates in that process are:

- 1 September 2018 – deadline for community submissions to the General Manager of the Diocese.
- 1 October 2018 – deadline for Parish Council submissions to the Diocesan Council.
- December 2018 – Diocesan Council meets to consider submissions and may exempt some buildings from sale or delay sales.
- Sales of properties that remain on the list will take place in a controlled manner over the following 2-3 years.

All correspondence should be directed to The Registrar/ General Manager, Mr James Oakley, GPO Box 748, Hobart 7001, or registry@anglicantas.org.au

Further information can be found here: <https://anglicantas.org.au/redress-proposal/>

Information about cemeteries can be found in the FAQ here: <https://tinyurl.com/y7w8g7ev>