



National Memorial for Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

National Online Survey

Survey Opening and Closing Dates

The Department of Social Services (department) is seeking your views on the purpose and key attributes of the National Memorial for Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (National Memorial) via a national survey.

Your responses will inform the scope of a national competition to be held in early 2021 to determine the National Memorial design.

The department has developed an [Information Paper](#), which includes relevant background information to help you complete the survey.

The survey opened at **9:00am on Monday 2 November 2020** and closes at **11:59pm on Sunday 22 November 2020**.

The survey is anonymous and open to anyone to complete. People with lived experience of institutional and other forms of child sexual abuse are particularly encouraged to participate to ensure their views and needs are considered in the development and implementation of the National Memorial.

About the Survey

On 6 October 2020, the Australian Government committed funding towards the establishment of the National Memorial in Canberra.

The National Memorial was a key recommendation (17.6) of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Royal Commission).

In the lead up to the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse (National Apology), the National Apology Reference Group (Reference Group) consulted stakeholders on the Royal Commission's recommendation.

Following these consultations, the Reference Group advised the Government to ‘establish a national memorial for victims and survivors which is both educative in nature but also offers a place of support and reflection for survivors’. The Reference Group also recommended that ‘a further process should be undertaken to settle the design and location of the national memorial, in consultation with survivors.’

In delivering the National Apology on 22 October 2018, Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, honoured the courage and strength of those with lived experience of institutional child sexual abuse, and committed to establishing ‘a place of truth and commemoration, to raise awareness and understanding of the impacts of child sexual abuse.’

This survey forms an important part of the Government’s commitment to establishing a national memorial that reflects the views and needs of people with lived experience of institutional child sexual abuse.

Following input from stakeholders including responses to this survey, a national design competition will be held in early 2021 to determine the National Memorial design. The competition will seek proposals from relevant professionals that meet the design requirements, including the intent, site, and features of the National Memorial. A mixed panel, including people with lived experience of institutional child sexual abuse and industry experts, will select the preferred design.

Please note: the department and the National Capital Authority are aware that religious institutions should not be visible from the National Memorial, and this will be an important consideration when selecting the preferred site.

What to expect

Child sexual abuse can be a difficult topic to discuss. This survey has been sensitively designed for all people to have their say on the establishment of the National Memorial. This survey is anonymous and all of the questions are optional.

The survey will ask your views on things like the National Memorial’s purpose and key attributes. You will not be asked to share your personal experiences. You will be asked if you have lived experience of institutional child sexual abuse to ensure the voices of people with lived experience are key in the development and implementation of the National Memorial.

The department is unable to provide survey participants with individual feedback to their responses due to the anonymous nature of the survey. To stay informed on the progress of the National Memorial, please visit www.dss.gov.au.

The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. If you need to take a break at any time while completing the survey, you can save your responses and return to it at another time. You may also opt out of the survey at any time and skip any questions you do not wish to answer.

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Privacy Statement

The survey is anonymous and all of the questions are optional. Your responses will be treated in confidence and in accordance with the department's [Privacy Policy](#). The survey will not ask for your name or the name of any organisations you are associated with. The survey will ask questions about your age and location to help understand what is important to different groups of people. The department will analyse the survey results and use the anonymous data to inform the establishment of the National Memorial.

Contact Us

The department will provide further updates in relation to the National Memorial at www.dss.gov.au.

For more information about the Royal Commission, visit the [website](#).

For any other enquires, please email RCMemorial@dss.gov.au.

Section A – Your interest in the National Memorial

Thank you for your interest in this survey. Please remember all questions are optional. You can skip a question by pressing the 'next' button at the bottom of the page or selecting the 'prefer not to say' option.

For more information, see Part One of the [Information Paper](#).

Honouring the voices of people with lived experience is an important part of establishing the National Memorial.	
A.1 Do you identify as someone with lived experience of institutional child sexual abuse? (single response)	
Yes	
No	
Family member or supporter of a person with lived experience of institutional child sexual abuse	
Prefer not to say	

A.2 Which of the following primarily describes your current interest in the National Memorial for Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse? (single response)	
I am a member of the public, interested in the National Memorial	
I work in a role supporting people with lived experience of institutional child sexual abuse	
I am a building, design or architectural professional interested in memorials	
I am affiliated with other national memorials in Canberra	
Something else [response here]	

A.3 Would you support a National Memorial for people with lived experience of institutional child sexual abuse? (single response)	
Yes	
No	
Unsure	
Prefer not to say	

A.4 Why do you think a National Memorial is important?

[100 word limit]

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Response here

Section B National Memorial Intent

For more information, see Part Two of the [Information Paper](#).

B.1 What would the National Memorial mean or symbolise to you? Please select all that apply.	
Strength/resilience	
Support	
Honour/recognise all people with lived experience of institutional child sexual abuse	
Grief/loss	
Reflection	
Healing	
Courage	
Remembrance	
Prevention	
Prefer not to say	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	

B.2 What meaning and purpose do you believe the National Memorial should have for the Australian community, including people who have not experienced institutional child sexual abuse? Please select all that apply.	
Acknowledge and reflect on this nationally significant issue	
Honour and recognise all people with lived experience of institutional child sexual abuse	
Learning and education	
Raise community awareness	
Remember those no longer living	
Show respect for those with lived experience	
Symbolic reparation	
Reflection	

Commemoration	
Prefer not to say	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	

Section C National Memorial Site

For more information, see Part Two of the [Information Paper](#).

C.1a Would you visit the National Memorial in Canberra? (single response)	
Yes	
No	
Unsure	
C.1b If no or unsure, what would you like the department to know about your answer? [100 word limit] (open ended)	
Response here	

C.2 What National Memorial site considerations are important to you? Please select all that apply.	
Close to major landmarks or institutions	
At a distance from landmarks or institutions	
Close to public transport/accessible	
An open and public location	
A private or secluded location for quiet reflection	
A quiet/peaceful location for paying respects	
Sense of privacy	
Sense of openness	
Size [please specify]	
Prefer not to say	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	

Something else - [response here]	
<p>C.3 What else should the department consider when choosing a site? For example, one of the Government's considerations when determining a suitable site for the National Memorial is ensuring that no religious institutions are visible from the site.</p> <p>[100 word limit] (open ended)</p>	
Response here	

Section D National Memorial Key Attributes

For more information, see Part Two of the [Information Paper](#).

D.1 What key attributes of the National Memorial are important to you? Please select all that apply.	
Moving element	
Incorporate plaques and messages	
Feature lighting	
Interactive element	
Natural/landscape elements (for example, rocks, pebbles, trees and shrubs)	
Soundscape elements	
Three-dimensional sculpture	
Artwork	
Educative element (more information at Section E)	
Prefer not to say	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	

D.2 When thinking about what you might do when you visit the National Memorial, which of the following are important to you? Please select all that apply.

Paved area	
Ramps	
Seating	
Shelter/weather protection	
Walkway or path	
Walls or fences	
Lighting	
Contemplative/reflection space	
Small gathering space	
Large gathering space	
Accessibility features (for example braille and voice recordings)	
Prefer not to say	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	

D.3 What else should the department consider about the practical elements of the National Memorial? For example, accessibility and other amenities.

[100 word limit]

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Response here

Section E National Memorial Educative Element

For more information, see Part Two of the [Information Paper](#).

The Reference Group advised the Government that the National Memorial should raise awareness of the issues and impacts of institutional child sexual abuse.

E.1 How important is awareness raising to you? (single response)	
Very important	
Somewhat important	
Don't mind	
Somewhat unimportant	
Very unimportant	
Prefer not to say	

E.2 How could the National Memorial raise awareness about institutional child sexual abuse? Please select all that apply.	
A plaque containing written information	
A National Memorial website	
A storyboard or wall containing images, symbols, and words	
Education is not an important component of the National Memorial	
Prefer not to say	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	

E.3 If a National Memorial website was developed, what content would you like to see on it? Please select all that apply.

Purpose of the National Memorial	
Process to design and construct the National Memorial	
History and work of the Royal Commission	
Video excerpts from the Royal Commission public hearings	
Scale and history of institutional child sexual abuse	
Voices of people with lived experience of institutional child sexual abuse	
Voices of advocates and campaigners against institutional child sexual abuse	
Investigative journalism and public interest documentaries	
Information on the government/sector response to the Royal Commission	
Links to support services	
Links to the Royal Commission official website	
Links to other relevant websites, e.g. the National Centre for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse	
Prefer not to say	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	
Something else - [response here]	

E.4 What else should the department consider about awareness raising?

[100 word limit]

(open ended)

Response here

Section F Demographics

Almost done – just a few more questions to help us sort the data to understand what is important to different groups of people. Remember all of the survey questions are anonymous and optional.

F.1. What gender do you identify with? (single response)	
Male	
Female	
Non-binary	
Other	
Prefer not to say	

F.2. Which of the following age ranges do you fall into? (single response)	
Under 18	
18-24	
25-29	
30-34	
35-39	
40-44	
45-49	
50-54	
55-59	
60-64	
65-69	
70-74	
75-79	
80+	

F.3. Do you currently live in Australia? (single response)	
Yes	
No	

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F.4. In which state or territory do you currently live? (single response)	
NSW	
Vic.	
Qld.	
WA	
SA	
Tas.	
ACT	
NT	
None of the above	

F.5. Which of the following best describes where you live? (single response)	
Metropolitan state capital	
Regional area	
Rural area	
Remote area	
Other	

F.6. Do you mainly speak a language other than English at home? (single response)	
Yes	
No	

F.7. Do you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (single response)	
Yes, Aboriginal	
Yes, Torres Strait Islander	
Yes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	
No, not Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	
Prefer not to say	

F.8. Do you identify as having a disability? (single response)	
Yes	
No	
Prefer not to say	

F.9. Do you identify as having a culturally and linguistically diverse background? (single response)	
Yes	
No	
Prefer not to say	

F.10. Is there anything else you would like to say about the design of the National Memorial? If so, please feel free to leave your comments in the space below. [250 word limit]
[Response here]

You have completed the survey. Thank you for taking the time to participate. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will be considered in the development of the National Memorial.

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