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Response from PSC in regard to the two findings made in the Royal Commission's Final Report that relate to Berhampore Childrens' Home.

Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in State Care and in the care of Faith Based Institutions between 1950 – 1999

Ina kite koe tētahi mea hē, whakatikangia. Ina kore ka rite koe ki taua hē. Kei riri mai koutou mō a mātou hē.

Presbyterian Support Central (**PSC**) welcomes the Inquiry's Final Report – [Whanaketia – Through pain and trauma, from darkness to light](#) and its recommendations. PSC has carefully reviewed and considered the Inquiry's findings and recommendations, and we have set out our responses to these below.

PSC operated a children's home in Berhampore, Wellington from the 1920's to when it closed in the mid-1980's. Over the period of some 60 years, there were around 1,000 children and young people who resided at the Home.

The Inquiry has made two specific findings in relation to PSC in its Final Report:

- i) failing to properly record the ethnicities of Māori and Pacific children in the care of Berhampore Home; and
- ii) failing to prioritise any understanding of how to better deliver care to disabled people.

PSC accepts these findings. We acknowledge that, regrettably, our records in regard to the ethnicities and disabilities of young people who resided at Berhampore Home during the time it operated are sparse. While PSC no longer provides direct residential care to tamariki and rangatahi, we are committed to ensuring we do not repeat our past mistakes.

PSC acknowledges those who were hurt in our care and wishes to do all it can to support survivors on their journey of healing. We are committed to being open, caring and compassionate in our engagement with survivors, and our doors remain open for anyone who wishes to reach out to us.

If you have previously been involved with PSC and signed a settlement agreement relating to an abuse claim with PSC, we waive any confidentiality clause or obligation on you so that you can contact us again or speak with others that you may need to.

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We will publish a response to the 136 recommendations in November 2024



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