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**ABUSE IN CARE ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
MARYLANDS SCHOOL**

Under The Inquiries Act 2013

In the matter of The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Historical Abuse in
State Care and in the Care of Faith-based Institutions

Royal Commission: Judge Coral Shaw (Chair)
Ali'imuamua Sandra Alofivae

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Haronga, Mr Michael Thomas and Ms Kathy Basire for the
Royal Commission

Ms Rachael Schmidt-McCleave, Ms Julia White and Mr Max
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Ms Sonja Cooper, Ms Amanda Hill, Mr Sam Benton,
Ms Alana Thomas and Mr Sam Wimsett as other counsel
attending

Venue: Level 2
Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry
414 Khyber Pass Road
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Date: 14 February 2022

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

1 [9.51 am]

2 [Karakia tīmatanga and waiata by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei]

3 **CHAIR:** Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai haere mai ki te Kōmihana. Welcome everybody to the
4 second week of this hearing into the Marylands and Hebron schools and welcome to all of who are
5 watching either here in person or especially those who are looking at us through the livestream or
6 having recorded it. Your presence is really appreciated. Welcome.

7 Good morning, Ms Anderson.

8 **MS ANDERSON:** Good morning, Madam Chair. To start the day, we have a prerecorded witness,
9 Mr AL, so I am going to hand over to the technical team, and when that concludes, Mr Wimsett,
10 who is here, will lead Dr Mulvihill through her evidence.

11 **CHAIR:** Very good. Thank you.

12 (Video played of Mr AL)

13 **CHAIR:** Ali'imuamua Alofivae will thank that witness Mr. AL.

14 **COMMISSIONER ALOFIVAE:** Mr AL, good morning. I am not sure if you are watching at
15 this point, but we would absolutely like to extend our gratitude and our thanks for the courage and
16 the bravery to describe things that happened a very long time ago but, in your statement, it is so
17 real and it is so vivid, so entrenched deeply in your mind.

18 Can I also express how sad we felt about the treatment of you and your brothers. So, not only are
19 you speaking on behalf of yourself but no doubt you are describing the experiences also of your
20 brothers and just the horrific racism and the things that young kids your age at that stage should not
21 have been subjected to at all in terms of the hard work and the labour.

22 So, I am hoping that you will remain in contact with our Commission and thank you once again for
23 formally putting your statement on our record so that it can go to helping us understand the bigger
24 picture and everything that went on in those places that you have described, Marylands and also
25 the reference to St Joseph's Orphanage.

26 So, thank you once again, Mr AL.