

**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'imua Sandra Alofivae

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Venue: Level 2
Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry
414 Khyber Pass Road
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Date: 16 February 2022

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

1 **CHAIR:** All right. If you don't mind just waiting, taking a break and we'll come back to both of
2 you shortly.

3 **[Video played of Mr DL]**

4 **CHAIR:** Mr DL, I'm Coral Shaw, I have been listening as a Commissioner to your account that
5 you have pre-recorded and has just been played to us. It's a very moving and sad account
6 and the sad thing is that you went to Maryland, you said for two reasons, one to have a
7 good life and secondly, you went to learn, and you had neither. Instead, you were
8 viciously, criminally abused, and tortured during that time and that that experience was one
9 that you were too frightened to share, so you bore it alone for many, many years, and you
10 suffered the physical and emotional impacts that it's caused to you, and I believe you are
11 still suffering those.

12 I want to thank you sincerely for having the courage to come and tell us and tell
13 the world what happened to you, because you are deeply concerned for what's happening to
14 other people and this will help us reveal the true horror of what went on so that hopefully it
15 will never happen again. Can I just salute your extraordinary generosity of spirit in paying
16 all that money to your parents. Thank you very much.

17 Now, Ms-, thank you, we're going to about back to our witnesses. How much
18 longer do you think you're going to be?

19 **MS HARONGA:** Ideally 15 minutes, ma'am.

20 **CHAIR:** Okay, thank you.