

**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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Venue: Level 2
Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry
414 Khyber Pass Road
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Date: 15 February 2022

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

1 **CHAIR:** Yes, we will take a break after the video and we will let you know how we are going to
2 proceed after that.

3 **[Video played of Trevor McDonald's statement]**

4 **COMMISSIONER ALOFIVAE:** Good afternoon, Trevor. My name is Sandra Alofivae and I'm
5 one of the Commissioners here with the Inquiry. Thank you very, very much for your
6 courage in being able to provide this prerecord for us. It's very, very valuable and
7 everything that you have shared with us, we can see that it's come at an enormous cost to do
8 the prerecord, we hear it in your voice, we can see it in your physical demeanour and we
9 can understand it in your spirit. I want to say that you are very generous in your spirit and
10 that you are actually still thinking of others that might be worse off than you,
11 notwithstanding the horrendous things that you actually suffered as a young person at
12 Marylands and what you have been able to share with us.

13 Your evidence, Trevor, is being added to a number of other very courageous
14 survivors who are coming forward and it is actually helping us to understand in a lot more
15 detail, it's giving us the clarity to understand what actually went on, so we can do exactly
16 what you are asking: how do we actually get this to stop; what are the recommendations
17 that we need to be putting forward that is actually going to make a difference?

18 So I'm hoping you are going to stay with us on this journey, Trevor, as we continue
19 in our quest to be able to get and to be able to understand the bigger picture and the
20 landscape.

21 If you have been following the evidence today, I hope that you are also getting some
22 good wellbeing and that you are looking after yourself at this time. So go well and no
23 doubt we will still be in touch with you. Thank you, Trevor.

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