



CHILD PROTECTION PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION PRACTICE PAPER

WEDNESDAY 2 MAY 2018 at 5.30

Topic: Interviewing children and young people: lessons from the Royal Commission into sexual abuse in institutional care.

About this paper: *“The sexual abuse of a child is intolerable in a civilised society. It is the responsibility of our entire community to acknowledge that children are vulnerable to abuse. We must each resolve that we will do what we can to protect them. The tragic impact of abuse for individuals and through them our entire society demands nothing less”* (Royal Commission, 2017 p4). A range of professionals across statutory child protection, family support, education, health, and legal contexts have a significant responsibility to ensure the ongoing safety of children and young people who disclose sexual abuse. Understanding the lessons learned by the Royal Commission will help shape systems, policy and practice approaches into the future.

Chair: Ann Gummow

Ann is the Managing Lawyer for the Brisbane division of Knowmore, an independent service giving free legal advice to assist survivors of institutional child sexual abuse.

Keynote speakers:

Bob Atkinson AO APM

Commissioner Atkinson was appointed Commissioner for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in 2013. Prior to undertaking that role, he had distinguished policing career and served as the Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service for 12 years from 2000 until 2012.

Michael Byrne QC

Barrister Michael Byrne QC was appointed as Queensland’s Director of Public Prosecutions in 2015 after a distinguished career as a criminal barrister.

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