



# Recovery of costs relating to redress and civil litigation from child sexual abuse

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## Statement

In response to the costs associated with redress and civil litigation relating the sexual abuse of children, this policy provides the framework by which all responsible bodies within the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.) will contribute.

## Scope

This policy will apply to all responsible bodies of the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (Q.)

## Policy

### 1 Whole of church response

- 1.1 The financial responsibility for meeting costs associated with redress and civil litigation relating to child sexual abuse will be borne collectively by the Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod, reflecting a principle of One Church.

### 2 Insurance

Where insurance cover is in place and policy terms and conditions have been complied with, redress and/or civil litigation costs and expenses will be claimed for under the relevant insurance policy / Queensland Synod Insurance Managed Fund.

### 3 Payments to and from a Sensitive Matters reserve

- 3.1 A Sensitive Matters reserve shall be established
- 3.2 All payments relating to redress and civil litigation will be made from the Sensitive Matters reserve, which will be administered by the Synod office
- 3.3 Payments will include, but not be limited to, lump sum payouts, legal fees, administration expenses and counselling payments for survivors
- 3.4 Each responsible body will contribute to the Sensitive Matters reserve according to a formula based on the insured value of buildings and contents and revenue. The percentage applied is to be an average of
  - 3.4.1 Percentage of Building and contents insurable value from the insurance calculations as at the prior 31 March
  - 3.4.2 Percentage of Revenue from the last set of audited financial statements / annual return from the insurance calculations as at the prior 31 March
  - 3.4.3 A minimum charge of \$120 pa will apply if the calculation falls below this minimum
- 3.5 The formula will be reviewed as Synod Standing Committee determines.
- 3.6 Non sexual abuse matters are excluded from this scheme.



## Definitions

Term	Meaning
Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod	(also called we or us) means the function and activities of the Uniting Church in Australia – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• within and in relation to the bounds of the Queensland Synod; and</li><li>• outside the bounds of the Queensland Synod (where managed by parts of the organisation located within the bounds of the Queensland Synod) under the Uniting Church in Australia Act 1977 (Qld)</li></ul>
Responsible Body	Means: UnitingCare Queensland, Wesley Mission Queensland, Schools, Congregations, Faith Communities, Presbyteries, Synod office (including Alex Park, Trinity Theological College and Raymont Residential College).

## Revisions

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