



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

**Te Komihana Karauna mō ngā Tūkinō o Mua ki te Hunga i Tiakina e te
Kāwanatanga i Tiakina hoki e ngā Whare o te Whakapono**

UNDER

THE INQUIRIES ACT 2013

**IN THE MATTER OF The
Royal Commission into
Historical Abuse in State
Care and in the Care of Faith-
based Institutions**

**NOTICE 1 - PRESERVATION OF DOCUMENTS
28 March 2019**

- [1] At the request of the Royal Commission, the Government's Chief Archivist has implemented a disposal moratorium for any information held by government agencies that may be of relevance to the Royal Commission. Government agencies are prohibited from disposing of potentially relevant information to ensure it is available to the Royal Commission.
- [2] The same expectation applies equally to faith-based institutions and all other bodies involved in providing care (for example non-government organisations). All potentially relevant material held by those bodies must be preserved so it is available for the consideration of the Royal Commission.
- [3] Where appropriate, the Royal Commission will require individuals from both State and non-State agencies to verify by statutory declaration that they have not destroyed or disposed of any such material and to provide an explanation for any material that has been lost or destroyed.

- [4] All persons are reminded that it is an offence to destroy evidence or obstruct or hinder any person authorised by order to examine documents or things on behalf of the Royal Commission. It is also an offence to provide false or misleading information to the Inquiry, or to fail to produce any document or thing required by the Inquiry.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anand Satyanand', is written in a cursive style.

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Chair