ABUSE IN CARE ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY MARYLANDS SCHOOL

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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 **Counsel:** Ms Katherine Anderson, Mr Simon Mount QC, Ms Kerryn Beaton QC, Ms Jane Glover, Ms Anne Toohey, Ms Kima Tuiali'i, Ms Julia Spelman, Mr Winston McCarthy, Ms Echo Haronga, Mr Michael Thomas and Ms Kathy Basire for the **Royal Commission** Ms Rachael Schmidt-McCleave, Ms Julia White and Mr Max Clarke-Parker for the Crown Ms Sonja Cooper, Ms Amanda Hill, Mr Sam Benton, Ms Alana Thomas and Mr Sam Wimsett as other counsel attending Venue: Level 2 Abuse in Care Royal Commission of Inquiry 414 Khyber Pass Road **AUCKLAND** Date: 10 February 2022 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

MS ANDERSON: Thank you, Madam Chair, yes, that brings to us the close of
Mr Powell's evidence. In the interval between now and the morning adjournment we've got
time to play the prerecorded audio from anonymous witness Mr AU so we're going to move
and have that played and following that we'll go to the morning adjournment and we'll
reconvene no earlier than 11.45 because that timing suits the next witness who's going to be
giving evidence by AVL from Christchurch.

CHAIR: All right, can we go directly to the AVL?

MS ANDERSON: Yes.

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[Video played of Mr AU's statement]

COMMISSIONER ALOFIVAE: Mr AU, I understand that due to some difficulties you are not able to hear the Commission and myself in particular to be able to thank you in real-time, but I understand it is going to be conveyed to you.

Thank you for the courage to speak about these intimate details in your life. We heard it, we heard it in your voice, the struggle. We're so grateful for you coming forward. We're so grateful for your desire for this not to happen again like many of the other survivors who are courageous enough to also come forward in our public hearings, but who are also providing statements for us in other ways.

It was not your fault, it should never have happened to you and it did. But you coming forward is helping us to actually shed light and to understand what truly happened and how we can actually attempt to really put this right with our current Government and for the young people in the future.

You referred to Ken Clearwater. I just want to mention that he is actually here, he has been here from the beginning and so he's standing in the gap for a lot of you'se showing the courage and the kaha in support of what you are helping us to do for our nation. So take care and I hope you'll continue to be in contact and stay well and supported. Malie.

CHAIR: We will take the morning adjournment. Thank you, we will return at 11.45. Thank you.