

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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**From Francis Sullivan**  
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We understand that many people would like to see Cardinal George Pell give evidence to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse at the hearing in Ballarat in person.

It has always been our preference that Cardinal Pell give his evidence in person but his medical condition means this cannot happen.

What is most important now is that the Commission hears his evidence in the most effective and timely way possible so that this case study can be finalised, that the Commission can make findings and that abuse survivors can, hopefully, move forward with their lives.

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