## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Vale Anthony Foster**



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The Chairman, Neville Owen, and members of the Catholic Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council are saddened by the death of Anthony Foster, a strong, committed and tireless advocate for the survivors of child sexual abuse in particular for those abused within the Catholic Church.

CEO of the TJHC, Francis Sullivan, extended his condolences and the condolences of the Council and its staff to Chrissie Foster and her family.

"We came to know Anthony and Chrissie over the course of many public case studies into abuse within the Church and other Royal Commission activities," Mr Sullivan said.

"Throughout the Commission process and in private encounters with Anthony and Chrissie they have always put the interests of their daughters and the many survivors they have worked with first.

"Anthony's strong and clear advocacy and support will be missed by many.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to Chrissie and her family," Mr Sullivan said.

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The Truth Justice and Healing Council is coordinating the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.