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TO LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

I have spoken and discussed with abuse survivor James Parker

It has come to my attention that abuse survivors welcome the Catholic Confessional as a place of recovery and counselling.

The amendment Bill needs to be discussed with survivors the impact of confession which has not been done.

The breaking of confessional Seal is a change that is not open to the Australian Catholic Church to make. The Pope in Rome has the authority.

Paedophiles very rarely confess their sins and crime in confession. If they do, the confession presents an opportunity to reform the offenders.

The Catholic church needs adequate consultation with key stakeholders.

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