

The Standing Committee on Legislation
Re: The Children's Community Services
Amendment Bill 2019 - Clause 124BA.

Dear Legislative Committee,

I have been told of a survivor - a non-Catholic - while still a teenager had been abused. He went to a Catholic priest for confession in his later years. The priest was so helpful in stopping him from taking his own life which then had a positive effect on his journey to recovery.

Why is WA the only region in Australia in which early childhood workers are NOT already mandatory reporters, despite the Royal Commission stating that these children are particularly vulnerable due to their age.

In Paragraph 116 of the Constitution it states that the state will not interfere with the practise of religion. So this amendment is unconstitutional.