



Baptist Churches  
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### Important Information Regarding the National Redress Scheme

Dear Epping Baptist Church,

We are very grateful that along with 87% of the Baptist Churches of NSW and ACT, that your church has decided to opt in to the National Redress Scheme. We lodged our application paperwork with the National Redress Scheme Office in December 2018 and expect to be formally declared as participating in the scheme very shortly. Part of our responsibility as a denomination, in addition to registering our current churches, is to register churches that are no longer in operation. These churches are labelled by the National Redress Scheme office as either 'defunct' or 'subsumed' churches. It is important that we register these churches so that survivors of sexual abuse that may have occurred in these churches will be able to submit a redress claim if they wish to do so.

Included in this list of 'defunct' and 'subsumed' churches are churches that have closed, as well as churches that have merged with another church to form a new entity. In the case of a redress claim being raised against a 'defunct' or 'subsumed' church, the liability for that claim is inherited by the church that merged with, or inherited the assets from, the 'defunct' church.

**Our research of our Baptist historical archives indicates that your church Epping Baptist Church carries the liability for any historical redress claims arising from North Epping Baptist Church (41 Boundary Rd., North Epping).**

We are writing to inform you that should a redress claim arise from an incident that occurred at North Epping Baptist Church, your church will be expected to pay the initial contribution for that claim, just as if a claim arose from an incident of abuse in your church.

The initial contribution ranges from \$25,000 up to \$45,000 depending on your church income and assets, as outlined in the NSW/ACT Baptist Redress Scheme Information Booklet we published in September 2018. You can find a copy of this booklet on our webpage here:

<https://nswactbaptists.org.au/assemblies/redress-booklet/>

In the event of a claim, the Association will provide your church with assistance and support as necessary and will take responsibility for a direct personal response should that be requested by the survivor making the claim. Your church will have access to the Association's Redress Support Pool to assist with payment of the balance of any claim that exceeds your required initial contribution (from \$25,000 - \$45,000).

Your church is not required to make any additional payment to the Support Pool. Access to the Support Pool is available to you as a result of the Support Pool Levy payment that you have already made as part of your church's Redress Scheme opt in.

Whilst every attempt has been made to research thoroughly, we are aware that there is a possibility that our information may be incorrect. If you believe this to be the case, and that you do not have any previous link (either through a merge or by inheriting assets) with North Epping Baptist Church, we would ask you to contact us before Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss this.



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If we do not hear from you prior to this date, North Epping Baptist Church will be included in our list of 'defunct' and 'subsumed' churches, and if a claim arises connected with that church, your church will be notified.

If you wish to discuss this further, or require any additional assistance, please contact Jonathan Bradford, Ministry Standards Manager (02 9868 9237) or email [redress@nswactbaptists.org.au](mailto:redress@nswactbaptists.org.au).

Kind regards,

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