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## ***Archbishops welcome Victorian Inquiry opportunity***

Archbishop Denis Hart, Archbishop of Melbourne, and Cardinal George Pell, Archbishop of Sydney, today welcomed the opportunity to attend the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations later this month.

The Committee is undertaking vital and important work into the response of religious and non-government institutions to child sexual abuse, so that our children can be protected from this evil. These shocking and vile crimes are a national disgrace that were not confined to religious organisations but have been a blight across all levels of society.

Archbishop Hart and Cardinal Pell have been consistent in their support for the Inquiry and again reiterate their commitment to full cooperation that has been made clear and provided to the Inquiry over many months.

Archbishop Denis Hart will attend on Monday, 20 May 2013.

Cardinal George Pell, who was Archbishop of Melbourne from 1996 until 2001, will also attend the Inquiry on Monday, 27 May 2013.

Information on the Catholic Church in Victoria's submission to the Inquiry is available on [www.facingthetruth.org.au](http://www.facingthetruth.org.au)

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