

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION**

1. On 3 June 2016 the Inquiry invited anyone who wished to be designated as a core participant in the Accountability and Reparations investigation to make an application to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 1 July 2016. Such applications are currently limited to participation in the four case studies.
2. An application was made by Z7 for core participant status in the Accountability and Reparations investigation. This notice sets out my determination of his application.
3. Applications for core participant status are considered under Rule 5 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 which provides:
 - (1) *The chairman may designate a person as a core participant at any time during the course of the inquiry, provided that person consents to being so designated.*
 - (2) *In deciding whether to designate a person as a core participant, the chairman must in particular consider whether –*
 - a. *The person played, or may have played, a direct and significant role in relation to the matters to which the inquiry relates;*
 - b. *The person has a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters to which the inquiry relates; or*
 - c. *The person may be subject to explicit or significant criticism during the inquiry proceedings or in the report, or in any interim report.*
 - (3) *A person ceases to be a core participant on –*
 - a. *the date specified by the chairman in writing; or*
 - b. *the end of the inquiry.*
4. In determining each person's application, the matters listed in Rule 5(2) must be considered, but the list is not exhaustive and I may also take into account other relevant matters.

5. Having regard to the provisions of Rule 5(2), I am satisfied that Z7 has a significant interest in the matters under investigation. Z7 was placed into the care of the St Leonard's children's home. In his application Z7 states that while he was a child in care at the St Leonard's he was sexually abused.
6. As part of this investigation, the Inquiry will consider the experiences of individuals placed in St Leonard's children's home in order to investigate general issues of accountability and reparation for victims and survivors, including the extent to which this can be achieved through the existing processes of civil litigation, criminal compensation and support services. I am therefore satisfied that Z7 should be designated a core participant in relation to this case studies investigation.
7. Z7 has not yet appointed a recognised legal representative to act on his behalf. If I am notified of such an appointment, at that stage I will consider designation as necessary under Rules 6 and 7 of the Inquiry Rules 2006. I would encourage Z7 to appoint a legal representative to assist him in connection with the Inquiry.
8. Directions will be given for receipt of applications for an award under section 40(1)(b) of the Inquiries Act 2005 for expenses to be incurred in respect of legal representation at the forthcoming preliminary hearing. Such applications by core participants will be determined in accordance with the Inquiry's Cost Protocol on Legal Representation at Public Expense.

Hon. Dame Lowell Goddard DNZM
Chair, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

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