



## Safeguarding Statement of Commitment

### **The Diocese of Rockhampton is committed to Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk**

The Diocese of Rockhampton is committed to safeguarding all children, young people and adults at risk and that all children, young people and adults at risk have an equal right to protection from abuse. We believe that every human being has dignity that we recognise as coming directly from God's creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness.

The Diocese of Rockhampton believes that children, young people and adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological harm; and consider the welfare of the child/young person/adult at risk as paramount in all decisions and actions.

We will take every reasonable step to ensure that children, young people and adults at risk are protected. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.

We enable all Church personnel to make informed and confident decisions regarding safeguarding. We expect everyone (All Church personnel) to have read, understood and adhere to the Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Policy and related procedures.

The Diocese of Rockhampton has implemented standards of conduct for voluntary church workers to maintain a safe environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who intend to engage in voluntary ministry have direct and regular involvement with children (0 to 18 years) and the adults at risk.