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Media Enquiries for Peter Kelso

Peter Kelso was made a ward of the state at the age of five in 1962. He was brought up by two older foster parents.

He was abused by his foster parents on a daily basis.

Peter left home at the age of 22. Before he moved out, Peter sat both of his foster parents down and apologised.

He apologised for ruining their lives.

After 17 years of separation, Peter was finally able to reunite with his real family, who are located nearby in Newcastle.

[Read more of
Peter's story](#)



Today, as the Director of Kelso Lawyers, Peter works as a solicitor passionately supporting survivors of institutional child abuse.

Within him burns a fierce determination to help victims get the apology, compensation and justice they so sorely deserve.

Peter understands the emotional trauma suffered by victims of child abuse. Peter and his team have worked hard to develop a collection of valuable resources for people who have suffered abuse at the hands of institutions.

The Kelso Lawyers team also launched a Facebook page to develop a community dedicated to informing and educating and sharing stories about institutional child sexual abuse.

With over 20 000 followers and counting, Peter has created a go-to online forum for people to share their experiences and the latest news on The Royal Commission.

Kelso Lawyers' are leading the fight for justice with The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Peter and his team have been helping victims of abuse try to gain an apology and compensation for many years before The Commission was launched in 2012 by Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

Chaired by Justice Peter McClellan, the Royal Commission into Child Abuse is charged with investigating how institutions such as churches, schools and children's homes have handled allegations of child abuse and what needs to be done to protect children from abuse in the future.


Peter and his team represent the victims giving their statements to the Royal Commission, and communicate with the perpetrators.

They also represent victims seeking compensation for the trauma and abuse they have suffered.



Contacting Peter

Peter is happy to discuss matters of institutional abuse with the media - offering his passionate and informed perspective to give voice to the feelings of victims of institutional abuse.

 <https://www.facebook.com/RoyalCommissionChildAbuseUnofficial/>

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You can learn more about the specifics of Kelso Lawyers' work on their website www.kelsolawyers.com/au

Peter has been featured on:



The Sydney Morning Herald



Daily Telegraph

Herald Sun