



# Inquiry to continue

## • Royal commission

The royal commission inquiry into institutional responses to child sexual abuse will continue for another two years after receiving an additional \$125 million in funding from the federal government.

Since the commission began in January 2013 it has unearthed harrowing stories of child abuse in institutions charged with looking after children including the Christian Brothers-run Castledare boys school in Wilson.

Federal Member for Swan Stéve Irons welcomed the funding announcement and said there

were still a lot of people across Australia who had not had the opportunity to tell their stories to the commission.

“This extension will allay these people’s fears and will ensure their voices are heard,” he said.

“The extension will give the commission the capacity to hear more stories from victims, conduct additional public hearings and issue additional interim reports, with the final report and its recommendations to be delivered to the government by December 15, 2017.

“Many people don’t understand the journey of those who have suffered at the hands of emotional, physical and sexual abuse or the trauma they re-live when telling their stories.”