



## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

### **STATEMENT FROM ACBC PRESIDENT ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE**

Archbishop Philip Wilson has today been found guilty of failing to inform police about allegations of child sexual abuse. Archbishop Wilson maintained his innocence throughout this long judicial process. It is not yet clear if he will appeal the verdict.

The Catholic Church, like other institutions, has learned a great deal about the tragedy of child sexual abuse and has implemented stronger programs, policies and procedures to protect children and vulnerable adults. The safety of children and vulnerable adults is paramount for the Church and its ministries.

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