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From Pinarc Disability Support CEO, Marianne Hubbard:

The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People With Disabilities is underway. They will be looking into all forms of abuse and neglect experienced by people with disability in all settings in the community – starting with schools & education and supported accommodation settings

We hope the Royal Commission will identify systemic failures and work with our sector and others to make the changes needed to ensure people with disability, their families and carers are safe and appropriately supported in all areas of their lives.

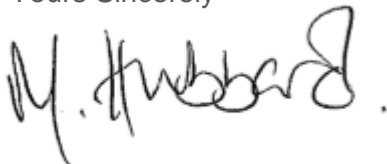
At Pinarc, we will be watching closely for opportunities for us to make improvements to our services and supports. The safety and wishes of people with disability will remain at the centre of everything we do.

We know that there will be some stories about lack of support in organisations coming through the media that will be confronting and difficult to hear. If you feel particularly distressed or these raise issues for you, it is important that you seek help and we recommend you contact a counsellor or your GP.

If you would like to tell your story to the Royal Commission there are opportunities and support to help you do this. To find out more about the Royal Commission, you can access their easy to read information document at the link below, or you can contact me on 5329 1364 or Sara Cavanagh on 5329 1348

<https://disability.royalcomission.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours Sincerely



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