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**FROM:** Chris Woolley, Chief Operating Officer

**TOPIC:** National Catholic Safeguarding Standards – Edition Two

**DATE:** 7 December 2022

Dear Colleagues

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards Edition Two. Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) has today formally launched the second edition of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS) covering adults at risk as well as children. The Standards are attached and can also be accessed [here](#).

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd has worked with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Religious Australia and the Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons to develop the NCSS Edition Two.

On the five-year anniversary of the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse's final report, the adoption of the NCSS Edition Two is central to the Church's commitment to safeguarding for everyone in Catholic communities. The latest Standards have a broader scope to include adults at risk and refine practices and procedures based upon experience with the earlier NCSS.

ACSL will shortly be providing new mapping documents and support materials to accompany the latest Standards. This material will be provided to Catholic School Authorities as soon as they are available.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'COW', is positioned above the printed name of the Chief Operating Officer.

**Chris Woolley**  
Chief Operating Officer