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Public hearing into Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat

3 December, 2015

The Royal Commission will hold the second part of the [public hearing](#) regarding Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat at the County Court of Victoria, Melbourne, commencing on Monday, 7 December 2015.

The scope and purpose of the second part of this public hearing is to inquire into:

1. The response of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and of other Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious.
2. The response of Victoria Police to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious which took place within the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.
3. Any related matters.

Cardinal George Pell is expected to give evidence from 16-18 December in relation to both [Case Study 35](#) (the response of the Archdiocese of Melbourne to allegations of child sexual abuse) and [Case Study 28](#) (the response of Catholic authorities in Ballarat to allegations of child sexual abuse.)

Date: Monday 7 December 2015
Duration: 7-15 December.
Hearing times: 10:00am – 4:00pm AEDT
Location: County Court of Victoria, 250 William Street, Melbourne, Victoria

The Royal Commission will provide a webcast of proceedings in the Trench room at the Ballarat Town Hall, Sturt Street, Ballarat, and the proceedings will be live streamed on the Royal Commission website www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au.

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