**National Redress Scheme**

**First Nations Case Study Video – Derrick**

**00:00:00**

This video is about the National Redress Scheme for people who've experienced institutional child sexual abuse.

**00:00:07**

Watching this could bring up bad memories.

**00:00:09**

It can be helpful to talk to someone if this happens to you.

**00:00:13**

Support is available from Redress Support Services who understand culture and will keep things private.

**00:00:20**

To find out more, call 1800 737 377.

**00:00:30**

When I was seven years old, we were taken down to the police station.

**00:00:35**

I was made state ward 'til I was 18.

**00:00:38**

I just looked at my dad, he was standing there crying.

**00:00:44**

We were taken away and that was a horrible experience that one there.

**00:00:51**

I'm Derrick,

**00:00:52**

I come from Kaniyang Country,

**00:00:56**

lower South West of Western Australia.

**Graphic:** Derrick was placed in an institution as a young boy where he was abused by the people meant to protect him.

**00:01:06**

I found my life very difficult being placed in an institution.

**00:01:14**

We missed out on a lot of things.

**00:01:17**

Contacting a counsellor through my redress application was one of the biggest achievements, I think, of my life.

**Graphic:** Derrick applied through the National Redress Scheme and got support through counselling.

**00:01:29**

I got support from Yorgum,

**00:01:32**

who were very helpful with me in my process of the redress claim.

**00:01:39**

That experience, it was 100% relief from my mind that I got it off my chest and I got it off my mind.

**Graphic:** The National Redress Scheme can’t change what happened but can provide support so you can move forward in a way that works for you.

**00:01:54**

It helped me a lot, mentally, coming back and living my lifestyle with my wife and my kids.

**00:02:01**

I felt free.

**00:02:04**

And I still do today.

**00:02:07**

All I can say, my counselling has helped me a lot,

**00:02:11**

110% in my life to get on with my journey.

**00:02:14**

To find out more about Redress Support Services

**00:02:17**

call 1800 737 377 from Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm.

**00:02:25**

Or visit nationalredress.gov.au