

# Former Marist Brother and convicted paedophile Greg Sutton avoids further jail time



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A former Marist Brother named at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse is given a suspended sentence for offences against two Canberra boys in the 1980s.

Greg Sutton, 65, pleaded guilty in the ACT Supreme Court to the offences.

Sutton was the first convicted paedophile to be called before the royal commission.

He has already served more than 12 years behind bars for 67 charges against children in NSW in the 1980s, after being charged and extradited from the United States in the 1990s.

Sutton admitted to the Canberra offences at the time but could not be charged because of a statute of limitations.

In a statement read to the court, one of the victims outlined the harm the abuse did to his life and the impact it had on his relationship with his own children.

It ended with the victim telling Sutton he had forgiven him for the abuse.

Sutton told the court he considered himself rehabilitated.

He has been given a suspended sentence of two years and two months.