

# Statement

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Attorney General  
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## STATEMENT FROM THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

We have always sent a clear message to survivors of child abuse: we stand with you in your fight for justice — and we always will.

I acknowledge the widespread community concern following the High Court's decision in *Bird v DP* and the impact on victim-survivors of historical child sexual abuse.

While I will continue to advocate for a nationally consistent approach, I recognise and acknowledge the urgency of this matter for many victim-survivors.

That's why I have directed my department to develop options, including the introduction of legislation, to address the issues identified by the Court.

This work is a priority for the Allan Labor Government and we will be taking further steps as soon as possible.