

Media Statement

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STATEMENT FROM THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Our message to survivors of child abuse has always been clear; we stand with you in your fight for justice – and we always will.

I acknowledge the impact that the High Court's decision in *Bird v DP* has had on many victim-survivors.

That's why we will be introducing landmark legislation into Parliament this year to address the implications of this decision – because it is the right thing to do.

The legislation will apply retrospectively. It will also allow victim-survivors to apply to the court to have a settlement or judgement that occurred between the High Court decision and the commencement of our legislation to be set aside.

Further details of the legislation will be finalised ahead of introduction.