

SETTLEMENT NOTICE

Information Sheet



NT YOUTH JUSTICE CLASS ACTION

Dylan Riley Jenkins & Aaron Hyde v Northern Territory of Australia,
Federal Court of Australia, NTD64/2016

The Federal Court of Australia told Maurice Blackburn Lawyers to send you this notice. Please read it carefully. It is about your legal rights.

We also sent you the 'Settlement Notice - Main Points' with this.

This 'Settlement Notice - Information Sheet' gives you more information about the class action and the settlement.

What is the NT Youth Justice Class Action?

This class action was started in 2016 in the Federal Court of Australia by Aaron Hyde and Dylan Jenkins, represented by Maurice Blackburn Lawyers. We call it the NT Youth Justice Class Action. In Court this class action is called Dylan Riley Jenkins & Anor v Northern Territory of Australia and it is case number NTD64/2016.

In this class action Aaron and Dylan said that young people were illegally treated badly in Northern Territory youth detention centres between 1 August 2006 and 27 November 2017. There were about 1,200 young people in youth detention in that time. All of these people are part of this class action.

Aaron and Dylan said that the illegal, bad treatment they and other young people suffered in youth detention was:

- assault and battery - by too much strip searching and handcuffing or other restraints, or being threatened, roughly treated or bashed by officers; and
- false imprisonment - by being held in isolation (in the back cells).

Aaron and Dylan claimed compensation money from the NT Government for everyone in the class action for this illegal, bad treatment.

The NT Government does not agree that officers in youth detention broke the law. But it has now agreed to pay compensation money to people in the class action. More on this is in the 'Settlement Notice - Main Points' that came with this.

You can find more information about the case and copies of important Court documents on Maurice Blackburn Lawyers' website. Go to: mauriceblackburn.com.au/ntyouthjustice

How to register your claim

If you need help call us. We can also get an interpreter to help.

Call us on **1800 226 211** (free call) or

Go to our website: mauriceblackburn.com.au/ntyouthjustice

You must **register your claim by 16 November 2021** or you will not get compensation money.

What are the main points of the settlement?

The main points of the settlement the Judge will be asked to approve are:

- **The NT Government agreed to pay a total of \$35 million.**
- This money will be used to pay:
 - compensation money to young people held in youth detention centres in the Northern Territory between 1 August 2006 and 27 November 2017; and
 - the costs of running the class action, including Maurice Blackburn Lawyers' legal costs; and
 - the costs of administering the settlement to make sure people get the right compensation money.
- This settlement and payment of compensation money can only happen if a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia approves them to say they are fair. The Judge also has to check the way the compensation money for each person will be worked out. The Judge has to approve this to say it is fair too.
- The costs of running the class action and administering the settlement (to make sure people get the right compensation money) can only be paid from the settlement money if the Judge approves them to say they are fair.
- No one in this class action can bring a new case against the NT Government for the same bad treatment in youth detention.

What if I do not register my claim by 16 November 2021?

You will get no compensation money if you do not register your claim by 16 November 2021.

Also, you will not be able to start your own new case against the NT Government for the same bad treatment in youth detention as in this class action.

When will compensation money be paid?

We expect compensation money to be paid from about February 2022.

Do I have to pay anything if I register my claim?

No.

Maurice Blackburn Lawyers has been paying all the costs of the class action on a 'no-win no-fee' basis. This means that if we did not win or settle the class action we would not get any of this money back.

In this settlement, Maurice Blackburn Lawyers will only get costs paid if the Judge approves them to say they are fair. These costs will be paid from the \$35 million the NT Government is paying. An independent costs expert will check that the costs are fair. Then the Judge does the last check to make sure the costs are fair.

What happens in the Court hearing about the settlement?

A Court hearing about this settlement will be held in Darwin at the Supreme Court on **Monday, 8 November 2021 at 10:15am.**

In the hearing, the Judge will be asked to approve these things to say they are fair:

1. the settlement and the way the compensation money for each person will be worked out;
2. how the settlement is administered to make sure people get the right compensation money;
3. the costs of running the class action, including Maurice Blackburn Lawyers' legal costs; and
4. the costs of administering the settlement to make sure people get the right compensation money.

Also, the Judge will be asked to appoint a 'claims administrator' to organise for the compensation money to be paid. Maurice Blackburn Lawyers will ask the Judge to appoint it as the claims administrator.

In this Court hearing, the Judge will give anyone who is part of the class action the chance to say what they think about the settlement. More about this is in the next section.

Anyone can come to the Court hearing. But it's up to you. You don't need to come.

If you cannot come to this hearing in person, you can watch it live online. Maurice Blackburn Lawyers will put a link on our website when we get it from the Court.

How can I tell the Judge what I think of this settlement?

You have the right to tell the Judge what you think of this settlement. You might want to say that you agree with it, or you might want to say that you disagree with it. The Judge will think about this when she decides about approving the settlement to say it is fair.

You or your lawyer can come to the Court in Darwin when the Judge will decide about approving the settlement to say it is fair. You can tell the Judge what you think about it and why you think this. If you want to do this, please tell Maurice Blackburn Lawyers by **7 October 2021**. We will tell the Judge you want to talk to her in the Court hearing.

If you don't want to talk at the Court hearing, you can tell Maurice Blackburn Lawyers what you think about the settlement and why you think this. Please do this by **7 October 2021**. Maurice Blackburn Lawyers will then tell the Judge.

I have more questions. What can I do?

You can get advice from your own lawyer or you can contact Maurice Blackburn Lawyers:



Call Maurice Blackburn Lawyers on: **1800 226 211**
This number is free to call.

Or text Maurice Blackburn Lawyers on:
0472 881 058 (standard costs apply)



Join the NT Youth Justice Class Action
Facebook Group: [https://www.facebook.com/
groups/ntyouthjustice](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ntyouthjustice).

You can ask questions and see answers to
questions from other people in the class action.



Visit the NT Youth Justice Class Action website:
mauriceblackburn.com.au/ntyouthjustice

You can find there a summary of the case and
copies of important legal documents.



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