

Limitation of Actions Act 1958 (Vic)

The *Limitation of Actions Act 1958 (Vic)* was amended in 2015 to remove the restriction on the ability of victims/survivors to take civil action for wrongful death or personal injury resulting from child abuse. This amendment recognised that, often, a significant amount of time elapses between when the abuse has occurred and when the victim/survivor discloses their abuse

Many victims do not disclose child sexual abuse until many years after the abuse occurred, often when they are well into adulthood. Survivors who spoke with us during a private session took, on average, 23.9 years to tell someone about the abuse

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse 2017,
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This amendment removed a significant barrier faced by victims/survivors who wished to pursue civil legal action.

USEFUL RESOURCES

Limitations of Actions Act 1958 (Vic).

http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdb/au/legis/vic/consol_act/loaa1958226/

Time Limitations For Child Abuse Cases Abolished – Attorney General 25 February 2015

<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/time-limitations-for-child-abuse-cases-abolished/>



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