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NT YOUTH JUSTICE CLASS ACTION

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

**You are part of this class action if you were held in a Northern Territory youth
detention centre between 1 August 2006 and 27 November 2017.**



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of this case.**

What is this class action legal case about?

You are part of this class action if you were held in a Northern Territory youth detention centre between 1 August 2006 and 27 November 2017.

This class action was started in the Federal Court of Australia in December 2016 by Aaron Hyde and Dylan Jenkins, represented by Maurice Blackburn Lawyers. Aaron and Dylan claimed compensation money from the NT Government for young people who were in youth detention, because officers illegally used too much force, handcuffing, strip-searching and isolation (in the back cells) on detainees.

What do I need to know about this 'settlement'?

The NT Government has agreed to pay compensation money to people in this class action without needing a trial. This is called a 'settlement'. **The NT Government agreed to pay \$35 million for compensation money and the costs of running the class action.**

Compensation money and costs can only be paid if the Judge approves them to say they are fair. The costs will also be checked by an independent costs expert to make sure they are fair.

The NT Government does not admit that officers acted illegally. But it has apologised for the way young people were treated in youth detention:

On 17 November 2017, following the delivery of the findings of the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory, **Chief Minister Michael Gunner publicly apologised for the failings of successive Northern Territory Governments in their responsibility to care for, protect and build children in youth detention.**

He also said: ***"I am sorry for the stories that live in the children we failed. Youth justice is supposed to make our kids better, not break them"***

You need to register your claim by 16 November 2021. If you do not register with the lawyers, you will not get any of the compensation money.



How much compensation money will I get?

You will only get money if you were in an NT youth detention centre between 1 August 2006 and 27 November 2017.

How much compensation money each person gets will depend on 3 things:

1. How long they were in youth detention for, between 1 August 2006 and 27 November 2017;
2. What happened to them in youth detention; and
3. How many other people register to claim compensation money - there are about 1,200 people in the class action.

This means compensation money might be different for each person.

We will get everything we need to work out each person's compensation money from the NT Government. **But everyone in the case needs to register their claim by 16 November 2021.**

People can call us to check what the NT Government has told us about their time in youth detention. See the '*Where can I find out more?*' part on the back page.

When everyone has registered their claims, we'll tell them how much compensation money they will get. At that time people can ask us to check it again and make sure they are getting the right money.

How can I know if this compensation money is fair?

The compensation money can only be paid if a Judge of the Federal Court approves it to say it is fair.

The Judge also has to check and approve the way the compensation money for each person will be worked out. The Judge has to say this is fair.

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

What do I need to do?

If you want to claim compensation money you **must register by 16 November 2021.**

If you do not register by then you will not get compensation money.

Everyone who wants to claim compensation money needs to register now, even if they have registered before or contacted Maurice Blackburn Lawyers before.

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 if I don't agree with this settlement?

People who are part of this case have the right to object to this settlement.

Please tell Maurice Blackburn Lawyers if you do not agree with the settlement and why you do not agree with it. Please do this by 7 October 2021. Maurice Blackburn Lawyers will then tell the Judge.

People who are part of this case or their lawyers can also go to the hearing on 8 November 2021 where the Judge will decide about approving the settlement. At the hearing, they can explain to the Judge why they do not agree with it. 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.

Where can I find out more?

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>.

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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If you're not sure what to do, talk with your lawyer as soon as you can.