

UPDATE ON THE BANKSIA HILL AND UNIT 18 CLASS ACTIONS

Friday, 10 April 2026

The Banksia Hill and Unit 18 Class Actions are big and complex proceedings.

Levitt Robinson Solicitors continue to work hard to achieve the best outcome for the Applicants and thousands of Group Members like you, who are Group Members in either or both of the Class Actions.

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING?

In **November 2025**, the State filed its defence in both the Class Actions. The State's defence sets out the reasons why the State says it is not responsible for the claims made by the Applicants and Group Members.

In **December 2025**, Levitt Robinson Solicitors served the State with a 'Notice to Produce', which required the State to produce the documents relied upon in its defence for each Class Action. We have been reviewing the documents in detail and have found them to be very helpful.

Between **December and March 2026**, Levitt Robinson Solicitors and the State's lawyers negotiated about documents to be 'discovered' (provided) to the other side through a formal court process called 'discovery'. The Court made Orders for discovery on **31 March 2026**, and documents will be discovered to us from **26 June 2026**.

There will be thousands of documents discovered to Levitt Robinson Solicitors by the State. They must each be carefully reviewed to find evidence in support of the Applicants and Group Members' claims in each of the Class Actions. We ask that you are patient as we complete this important work.

In **February 2026**, Levitt Robinson Solicitors filed a reply to the State's defence in each of the Class Actions, responding to the new matters raised in the State's defences for each of the Class Actions.

EXPERT EVIDENCE

Levitt Robinson has engaged several experts in their fields to provide opinions about the matters before the Court. This 'expert evidence' helps the Court assess the strength of the Applicants and Group Members' claims.

VICTIMS OF INSTITUTIONAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

We advise you not to apply for redress under the National Redress Scheme (NRS), because the amount offered to you under the scheme is likely to be much less than you could get through the Class Actions and/or an individual civil claim.

For that reason, it is **essential** that you speak to an independent lawyer **before** you make any decisions about the National Redress Scheme (NRS).

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If you have any questions, or would like legal advice about institutional child sexual abuse you suffered in detention, please email banksia@levittrobinson.com, phone (02) 9286 3133, or text us on 0407 506 460.