

MEDIA RELEASE
ASHLEY CLASS ACTION PROGRESSES TO SETTLEMENT FOR \$75M, SUBJECT TO
COURT APPROVAL
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The first class action to be issued in the Tasmanian Supreme Court is one step closer to settling today between the State of Tasmania and Angela Sdrinis Legal (ASL), representing 129 class members who allege abuse between 1960 and 2023 at the Ashley Youth Detention Centre, formerly the Ashley Home for Boys.

Angela Sdrinis said, "I am pleased that the matter has resolved in principle and that we have been able to give our clients a voice. The Government lawyers were provided with details of the allegations and impacts on each member of the class and I am satisfied that they were heard. I believe that our clients will be happy with the outcome. ASL is pleased to have been able to reach this resolution on their behalf."

We wish to acknowledge that the Government was pro-active in progressing the settlement and co-operated with ASL to bring the matter to a prompt resolution in a trauma-informed way. The class action was filed in the Supreme Court in August 2022 and it has taken less than 2 years to resolve.

Financial counselling will also be made available to all group members who will be encouraged to get advice.

The settlement is subject to Court approval, which may take up to 6 months to be obtained and then it will take some time to distribute the settlement funds. ASL hopes that all claims will be resolved and paid within 12 months.

ASL trusts that the resolution of the claim will allow our clients to move forward and will assist in their healing.

Angela Sdrinis