

Media Release

**Survivors' Response to Gerald Ridsdale Sentence**

Many survivors will be feeling a sense of relief at the sentence imposed today.

For survivors, the journey towards justice and healing is a long one and rulings like this, go some way to comforting the hurt caused by the most terrible of experiences.

I would like to applaud the courage of the victims in this case and remind them and the entire community of survivors and their families of this: You are heard, you are strong and you are believed.

While today's outcome was the right one, there are no celebrations.

For a right and just outcome should not be lauded as an achievement – it was the result that survivors across Australia had hoped to see.

Justice has been served, but we still have a long way to go.

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