

# **Civil Liability (Holding Institutions Accountable for Child Abuse) Amendment Bill 2026**

## **Erratum to Statement of Compatibility**

### **Title of the Bill**

Civil Liability (Holding Institutions Accountable for Child Abuse) Amendment Bill 2026.

### **Reason for Erratum**

The Erratum corrects clerical errors.

### **Notes on Provisions**

The paragraph under ‘Overview of the amendments’ contained an incorrect reference to a document and the paragraph under conclusion had a typographical error, both due to clerical errors.

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## Statement of Compatibility

### Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, Meaghan Scanlon MP, Shadow Attorney-General, Shadow Minister for Justice, Shadow Minister for Housing, Homelessness and Home Ownership make this statement of compatibility with respect to the *Civil Liability (Holding Institutions Accountable for Child Abuse) Amendment Bill 2026*.

In my opinion, the Bill is compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

## Overview of the amendments

The intent of the Bill is to restore a right for victims to seek redress regarding child abuse. The policy objectives and overview of the Bill are outlined in the detailed Explanatory Notes of the Bill.

## Human Rights Issues

### Human rights relevant to the Bill (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

In my opinion, the human rights under the Human Rights Act that are relevant to the Bill are, but not limited to:

- recognition and equality before the law.
- protection of families and children.
- fair hearing.
- property rights.
- retrospective criminal laws.

In my opinion any impacts on any relevant human right are limited and proportionate to the outcome being sought by the Bill.

## Conclusion

In my opinion, the Bill is compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it limits human rights only to the extent that is reasonable and demonstrably justifiable in a free and democratic society based on human dignity, equality and freedom.

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