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Full Stop Australia Stands with Survivors, Welcomes Urgent Action to Improve Safety in Childcare.

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Full Stop Australia recognises the distress, hurt and betrayal so many families, survivors and members of the community are feeling in response to recent allegations of largescale child sexual abuse in some Victorian childcare centres.

We stand with all victim-survivors of child sexual abuse, their families and supporters. All children deserve to be safe in early childhood education and care.

Our services are available to anyone impacted. Victim-survivors, as well as their families and supporters, can call us 24/7 on 1800 FULL STOP (1800 385 578) for confidential, trauma-specialist counselling.

There has been a clear a failure of regulation, which has resulted in hundreds of children and families being impacted.

Full Stop Australia welcomes measures announced by the Victorian and Federal governments to improve safety in childcare. In addition, we echo calls for a national inquiry into the childcare industry to address the conditions that have allowed child abuse to occur, potentially causing serious lifelong harm. Among other things, we would expect the inquiry to focus on:

- Reviewing the effectiveness of regulatory child protection measures.
- Assessing the adequacy of regulation and oversight in the childcare industry.
- · Aligning with recent Australian Law Reform Commission recommendations, immediate action and resourcing to ensure all reports of sexual abuse receive an appropriate response and support within a trauma-informed justice system.

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