



Statement from Early Learning Association Australia regarding further charges laid in Victorian childcare investigation

Thursday 4 December 2025

Early Learning Association Australia (ELAA) has been informed that Victoria Police have today laid additional charges against Joshua Brown. The charges relate to an additional four victims across three childcare centres, as well as further charges relating to the initial eight victims.

We acknowledge that this situation continues to weigh heavily on our members, children, families and communities. While Victoria Police have been working to resolve this matter quickly, it continues to be a challenging and unsettling time for many. The wellbeing of our workforce, children and families is our top priority.

The vast majority of early learning professionals are deeply committed and dedicated people who make a profound positive difference in children's lives every day. We recognise the strength and professionalism they continue to demonstrate during this difficult period.

While many important legislative changes have been made over the past few months, what our sector needs is more resources and support to help services implement changes sustainably, conduct training that builds confidence in partnership with the sexual assault sector, and implement prevention-focused approaches. We continue to work closely with the Victorian Government and Department of Education to address these challenges.

This investigation, while deeply painful, must lead to meaningful change that strengthens our sector's capacity for prevention and provides the support you need to continue your vital work.

For more information on ELAA, please visit elaa.org.au.

If you would like additional resources or support on this issue, we recommend the following:

- Investigation of alleged incidents in childcare centres | vic.gov.au
- Resources — Sexual Assault Services Victoria
- Lifeline Australia - 13 11 14 - Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.

For more information on ELAA and to arrange an interview with a spokesperson, contact:

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