

Annexure A

Registration Notice

Issued by the Supreme Court of Victoria in the IMARC Protest Class Action

Jordan Brown v State of Victoria S ECI 2022 03440

Key Information

You are receiving this notice because you may be affected by a class action against Victoria Police. The case is about whether Victoria Police illegally sprayed protestors with capsicum spray at the International Mining and Resources Conference outside the Melbourne Convention Centre in 2019 (**IMARC protest**).

If you are a group member in the case, you need to register to continue your claim. This notice explains how. You can either:

Register and continue in the class action.

Do nothing and you cannot pursue your claim in the class action.

Register here: <https://phifinneymcdonald.com/action/imarc-class-action/>

The deadline for registration is **4:00pm on 13 July 2026**.

Questions? Contact Phi Finney McDonald (**PFM**) at (03) 9134 7100 or classactions@phifinneymcdonald.com. PFM can answer questions but cannot give legal advice.

About Registration

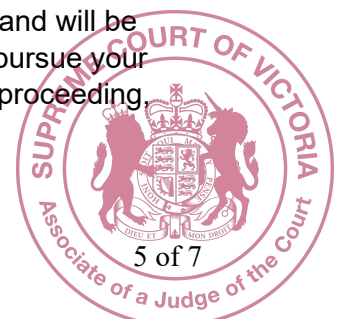
Am I a group member? A group member is anyone who was present at the IMARC Protest between 11.44am to 12.35pm and suffered harm as a result of being sprayed with capsicum spray between 12.10pm to 12.35pm on 30 October 2019.

What do I need to do? Register by the deadline via the link above. The registration form will ask for your name, contact details and information to identify you at the protest, such as what you were wearing or where you were standing, and to identify yourself in a video of the protest.

Haven't I already registered? Even if you have already given your details to PFM or Inner Melbourne Community Legal (**IMCL**), you still need to complete the registration form, because we need your consent to share your personal information with the Court and the defendant

What happens if I register? After registration closes, the Court will decide the next steps, including how group members' claims will be assessed. This may include the Court determining claims on an individual basis. If the parties reach an agreement (called a settlement) to resolve all the claims, then you will be bound by the terms of that settlement.

What happens if I don't register? You will no longer be a group member and will be treated as never having been a group member. This means that you can't pursue your claim within the class action. However, you may be able to bring your own proceeding.



subject to time limits which may have expired. You should seek separate legal advice if you wish to do so, including about the time limit for bringing your own claim.

Will it cost me anything to register? There is no cost to you at this time to register. After registration, the Court will provide guidance about the next steps to be taken in the class action.

If there is a settlement of the class action on behalf of all group members, then the Court is likely to order that the legal costs of settlement including the costs of registration, are deducted from the settlement amount.

If there is no settlement on behalf of all group members and the Court decides to determine claims on an individual basis, then the Court may order that you must pay the costs to have your individual claim determined, and pay the costs of Victoria Police if your claim is not successful. If there is no group settlement, the Court may order that the costs of registration be shared between the group members who register. You will be told about this before it happens, and you can decide then whether to continue with your claim.

Will Victoria Police know I've registered? Yes, as part of the registration process, PFM is required to share your registration details with the Court and with Victoria Police. However, this information will be kept confidential and can only be used for the purposes of this case. Victoria Police cannot use it for any other purpose.

Do I need a lawyer? You do not need your own lawyer to register. Later, you may wish to seek separate legal representation to resolve your individual claim, if there is no overall settlement.

About the case

Who is running the case? The solicitors for Mr Brown are PFM and IMCL.

What is the case about? In 2021, Mr Brown brought a class action against Victoria Police on his own behalf and on behalf of protestors at the IMARC protest on 30 October 2019. A class action is a case in which a plaintiff makes a claim for themselves and on behalf of other people

Mr Brown claimed that Victoria Police acted unlawfully when they sprayed him and other protestors with capsicum spray. He also claimed that police breached his and group members' human rights. The State of Victoria is defending the claim on behalf of Victoria Police.

What did the Court decide in Mr Brown's case? On 12 December 2025, Mr Brown won his claim. The Court ruled that Victoria Police illegally sprayed Mr Brown with capsicum spray. The Court also made findings about what happened at the protest that group members are bound by and can rely on. The judgment is *Brown v State of Victoria (No 3)* [2025] VSC 765.

Did Mr Brown receive compensation? Yes, the Court awarded Mr Brown compensation for the harm he suffered.

Will I receive compensation? That depends on your claim. The Court has only determined Mr Brown's individual claim so far. The Court may award compensation to some group members and not to others, depending on the facts of each group member's claim.

