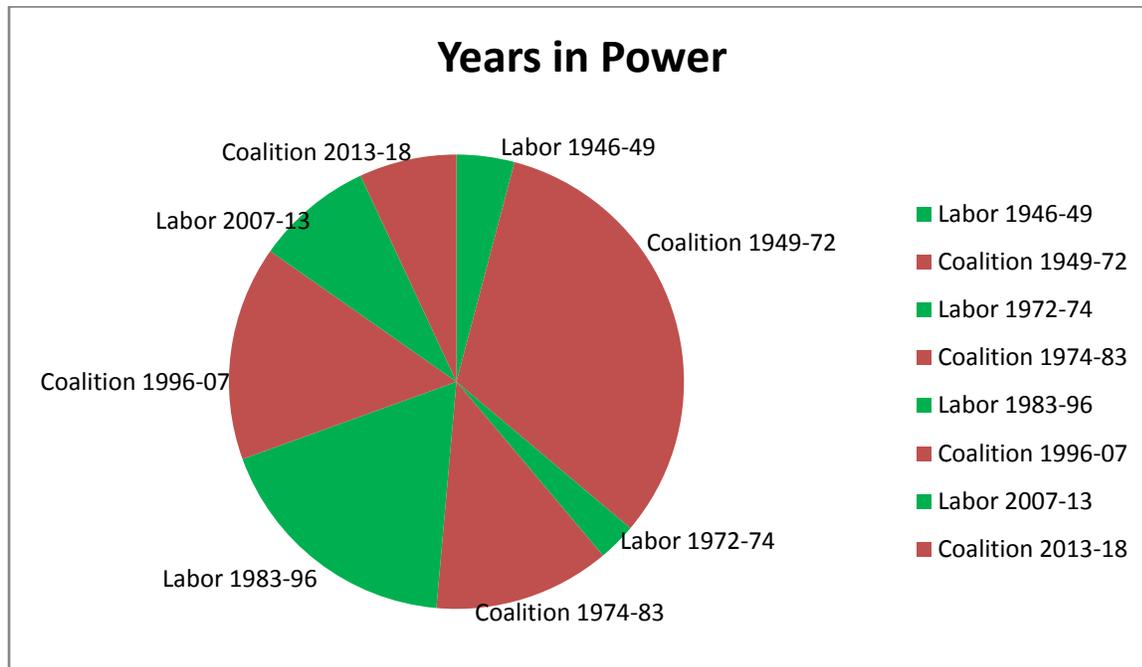


## Post-War Government in Australia



Since 1946 (72 years) the Coalition Government has served for **48years** as compared to Labor with **24years**.

In the period between 1946 and 1983, the Coalition government served for all but 5 years.

During this period abuse flourished<sup>1</sup> at RMC Duntroon, HMAS Leeuwin JRTE, Balcombe Army Apprentice School, HMAS Nirimba Navy Apprentice School, and Kapooka .

In these years victims suffered in silence because justice for abuse was almost impossible. The negativity to abuse cases did not encourage victims to seek redress or attract attention to themselves.

It took until 2010 for a Government (Labor) to take the moral initiative to instigate an investigation into abuse in the ADF. The results shocked most Australians and the flow on from this time is still happening today – March2018.

<sup>1</sup> Page2 37 and 39 DLA Piper Report – tables of abuse incidents

The DLA Piper Report October 2011 was the result of this investigation consisted of 2400 cases of abuse. The investigation period for the review was rather short and many victims were unaware that it was happening. No doubt the results would be much different if another review was done at the present time.

For victims of abuse, this report was monumental as before prior to this no government was brave enough to tackle the abuse problem in the ADF.

Labor then followed up with the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce which gave victims minimal, but some redress and acceptance for wrongs inflicted on them.

Then Julia Gillard established a Royal Commission for Institutional Responses to Child Abuse which included a section for personnel who were children in the ADF.

The legacy of the Labor government was that they made it possible for victims to come forward without the stigma and shame that had previously been the case when victims sought redress.

Unfortunately the momentum has been lost under the existing coalition government, and victims are in danger of being relegated to the same negative environment that existed previously, and is a trademark of the Coalition attitude to abuse.

### **Conclusions from our research**

A large proportion of abuse incidents occurred during the Coalition's reign – RMC Duntroon has been an ongoing abuse site since inception in 1911. HMAS Leeuwin, Navy boys school between 1960-1984, had so many cases that a separate report on abuse was made by the D.A.R.T. Balcombe Army Apprentice School 1948-1980's had similar statistics to HMAS Leeuwin. HMAS Nirimba Navy Apprentice School also was a site of multiple abuses in the early years

Since the 1990's abuse has been spread over many areas of the ADF with ADFA being the largest site of abuse incidents.

Interesting is the fact that according to the DLA Piper Report, Kapooka Army base has recorded a large proportion of abuse incidents, but during our research, not a single event appeared on the internet on newspaper sites.

Also interesting is the disparity between that the number of ex HMAS Leeuwin Junior Recruits that lodged their case with DLA Piper and the number that lodged claims with the DART – approximately 10times more – and we know that many missed this DART and are still pursuing their cases of abuse.

If the other ADF clusters had similar disparities – what could be the possible total cases of ADF abuse victims?

## **End Word**

The Labor party in government has been the only party which has delivered results for victims of abuse in the ADF, that have actually been a benefit to victims.

FootNote: It was a Labor government who delivered the Veterans Entitlements Act – VEA - during their short 2 year tenure in 1972 – December 1972. This Act is still the most beneficial of all the Acts involved with veteran support. This Act was introduced because of the way that Vietnam Veterans were being treated by the Coalition governments of that time.

The following table provides a cross section of incidents by service and by time period at locations where multiple incidents are alleged to have occurred. As many of the incidents occurred over a period of time, they have been captured in two or more time periods. Consequently, the total number of incidents in this table exceeds the total number of incidents reported. The number of incidents over more than one time period is noted in the last column.

For ease of reference, where there were less than 5 incidents at a particular location and time period the number is coloured blue, between 5 and 9 incidents they are coloured green and where there were more than 10 incidents they are coloured red.

**20 most frequent locations of allegations for all services—by time period**

Service and Location	Time Period and number of allegations per time period									Total	Allegations over more than one time period
	Unknown	Pre 1960	1960	1970	1980-1984	1985-1989	1990	2000	2011		
<b>NAVY—all incidents</b>	7	8	47	62	31	45	39	68	5	312	31
HMAS Cerberus* (VIC)		4	7	18	4	8	10	11		62	4
HMAS Leeuwin* (WA)			13	14	1					25	0
HMAS Nirimba* (NSW)	2		5	9	1	9	6			32	9
HMAS Albatross (NSW)	1		1	2	7	2	4	8	1	26	6
HMAS Penguin (NSW)		1	1	2	3	5	2	4		18	3
HMAS Creswell* (ACT)	1		4		2	3		4		14	1
HMAS Kuttabul (NSW)				1	2	1	6	4		14	1
<b>ARMY—all incidents</b>	28	5	37	63	44	71	108	99	21	476	52
Kapooka* (NSW)	3	1	2	8	5	15	12	12	1	59	5
RMC Duntroon* (ACT)		2	5	5	6	2	12	9	4	45	3
Balcombe* (VIC)		1	12	12	4					29	0
Puckapunyal** (VIC)			6	4	3	5	4	4	2	28	3
Holsworthy*** (NSW)			2	5	2	2	2	9	2	24	1
Bonegilla* (VIC)					2	10	4	2	1	19	1
Enoggera (QLD)	1			3		2	6	9	1	22	3
Singleton** (NSW)	1	1	2	3	3	5	2	2	1	20	4
<b>AIR FORCE—all incidents</b>	6	2	11	30	23	37	43	47	5	204	32
RAAF Wagga Wagga* (NSW)			2	3	5	4	9	4	1	28	5
RAAF Amberley (QLD)	1				3	3	2	13		22	3
RAAF Richmond (NSW)		1	2	3	1	1	5	5		18	1
RAAF Point Cook* (VIC)		1	2	5	4	4	5			21	6
<b>ADFA (ACT)</b>	5					25	26	14		70	7
<b>APS</b>	1			1	1	2	5	64	20	94	23
<b>Unknown &amp; Other</b>	27	1	3	7	2	5	10	33	6	94	10

\* These locations are ADF training establishments for initial officer, apprentice and recruit training (in accordance with a list of training establishments provided to the Review by Defence Legal in December 2011)

\*\* Puckapunyal and Holsworthy were ADF training establishments from 1951 to 1959 then again from 1965 to 1973.

\*\*\* Holsworthy was an ADF training establishment from 1951 to 1959.

**Criminal offences, service and geographic location**

There are 549 allegations which raise either sexual assault or physical assault (categories 1 and 2).

The service and location of these allegations is set out in the table below. Also set out in the table, are locations where five or more incidents were reported.

Some allegations related to a course of conduct that occurred over a period of time. Where this happened, the allegation is recorded once in each time period.

The Review is reporting on 1095 incidents. The following are locations where multiple numbers of incidents are alleged to have occurred.

When we report on locations, we report on all incidents that occurred at that location regardless of the service of the subject.

### 20 most frequent locations of incidents (for all services)#

Category	Service	Number of incidents	Percentage of incidents
Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)*	Tri Service	62	5.7%
HMAS Cerberus*	Navy (Air Force, APS)	58	5.3%
Kapooka*	Army, APS	54	4.9%
RMC Duntroon*	Army, APS, Other	42	3.8%
Balcombe*	Army	29	2.6%
HMAS Leeuwin^	Navy	28	2.5%
Puckapunyal**	Army	25	2.3%
HMAS Nirimba*	Navy	23	2.1%
RAAF Wagga Wagga*	Air Force	23	2.1%
Holsworthy***	Army, APS	23	2.1%
HMAS Albatross	Navy, APS	20	1.8%
RAAF Amberley	Air Force	19	1.7%
Enoggera	Army, Navy, Other	19	1.7%
Bonegilla*	Army	18	1.6%
RAAF Richmond	Air Force	17	1.6%
Singleton**	Army, Other	16	1.5%
RAAF Point Cook*	Air Force	15	1.4%
HMAS Penguin	Navy	15	1.4%
HMAS Creswell*	Navy	13	1.2%
HMAS Kuttabul	Navy, Army	13	1.2%

# Each location is operated by a particular service (except ADFA). These incidents also include incidents where a member of a different service was the subject of an incident.

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\*\*\* Holsworthy was an ADF training establishment from 1951 to 1959.

^ HMAS Leeuwin was a Naval Base from 1940 to 1986 and an ADF training establishment. It has been an Army barracks from 1986 to present and HMAS Leeuwin is also a ship launched in 1997 and still in service. The incidents that relate to the Army barracks and the ship are not included in the table above.

### Location of most multiple incidents for Navy

Category	Service	Number	Percentage of incidents for all of Navy
HMAS Cerberus*	Navy	48	17.1%
HMAS Leeuwin*	Navy	28	10.0%
HMAS Nirimba*	Navy	23	8.2%
HMAS Albatross	Navy	16	5.7%
HMAS Creswell*	Navy	15	5.3%
HMAS Penguin	Navy	14	5.0%

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