

Native claims get go-ahead

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Native residential school abuse complainants are dying off while their lawsuits sit dormant waiting for test cases to proceed, a lawyer said yesterday.

And as a result, the judge managing the more than 4,000 claims said lawyers can proceed in other than just the four test cases now going ahead.

Justice Terrence McMahon said counsel for the plaintiffs have until September to come up with a formula to allow an unspecified number of other cases to proceed.

Lawyer Vaughn Marshall, who acts for about 500 Natives who have launched lawsuits, said outside court the decision is a positive one.

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