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## Abuse stays with victims

VICTIMS of child abuse grow up, but they do not leave the abuse behind them, Senator Mark Arbib said at the launch of Forget-me-knot day yesterday.

The day aims to highlight the struggle adult victims go through as they try to untangle the knots of child abuse.

"We sometimes forget that abused children grow up," said Senator Arbib, who founded Parliamentarians Against Child Abuse and Neglect. The Adults Surviving Child Abuse group says 76 per cent of women and 72 per cent of men with severe mental illness have been abused.