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Volklers to plead not guilty to new charges

Leading swimming coach Scott Volklers says he will plead not guilty to nine charges of indecent treatment involving three children under the age of 16.

The offences are alleged to have happened in the mid-1980s.

Scott Volklers, 43, was charged in the Brisbane Magistrate's court yesterday with four new counts of indecent treatment.

Five charges were laid earlier this year.

Outside the court, Mr Volklers said the publicity surrounding the case was affecting his family and career.

"It's very difficult to understand how anyone from half a lifetime ago can say something against you and you're basically guilty until proven innocent," he said.

Mr Volklers has been suspended from his position at the Queensland Academy of Sport pending the outcome of the court case.

A committal hearing has been set down for two days at the end of July.

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