

Community Protection and Public Child Sex Offender Register (Daniel's Law) Bill 2025

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I submit, that in regard to the safety of children as with so much else in this country today what is being developed is an overloaded system that is like a multistory building based on inadequate foundations with those inadequate foundations regularly being deliberately undermined. While the idea of a national child offender register has its merits in the culture in which we find ourselves, what is happening is a multiplication of laws, restrictions and red tape that makes a lot of people who could be doing a lot of good for children and the community shake their heads and say "Not for me." The ABC recently put out some figures relating to the Fostering system. What a mess!!! Why would anyone want to volunteer to be a foster carer??? In days gone by there were boy scout groups and girl guide groups and church youth groups laid on. With the advent of the Blue card I observed how many of those groups, shut down. No one wanted the red tape of government bureaucracy breathing down their necks. End result many young people, children, and families who were benefiting from these groups lost out. We have a government system that makes it very difficult for employers, especially small business employers to employ people. Governments slog those who are generating income for all they can get out of them which forces up the cost of things which forces husbands and wives to both have to work to scrape by. The end result of that being that children are forced into paid childcare centres when they are highly likely to be abused from an early age when they should be home with one of their parents who love them and care for them. I could go on but the real issue is a moral one. God who designed and created this world and who therefore knows best how things should happen for the best running of society, has provided rules and laws which if kept to it has been shown down through history make a world of difference to people's quality of life and the way things happen in this world. For there to be any improvement in the way society functions and the way people relate to one another two things need to be returned to this country. 1. Freedom of religion. While not all religions honour God's rules, and most religions such as those in this country before the coming of the white man are very cruel and the death penalty is imposed for things it should not be applied to, God has nevertheless placed values in the consciences of all people. Consciences have been corrupted because of rebellion against God, but the truth is there in the background and people across the religions can recognise some distinction between right and wrong. Across the world we have governments who have decided what is right and what is wrong which leads to government leaders becoming dictators resulting in uprisings because dictators never have a proper grasp of the difference between right and wrong. I have lived long enough to remember times when Christian values made a real difference to society in this country and have seen the decline in society behaviour as those standards have been forced into the background by governments determined to support those who harm others. 2. Freedom of speech. While some speech can be harmful, what we have in this country are laws that prevent proper discussion and debate. Truth telling essentially means not allowing truth to be heard or taught, e.g. the myth about the people in this country who consider themselves to be first nation's people in spite of the evidence against this fact that nobody wants to read, mark and understand. While freedom of speech will create arguments and fights I am old enough to remember how much good came out of it being possible to have freedom of speech. I do not have time to add further to this submission, but am happy to speak further to those willing to listen. But keep going the way you are and all you will achieve is more laws, a greater requirement for an ever increasing number of police to enforce them, more red tape and paperwork for everyone concerned, which will mean employing more people having to be employed at tax payer expense, insurance

costs out of hand, the tax payer being drained by force, a more agitated and rebellious society and dictators who the people do not like.