


Penalties and Sentences (Sexual Offences) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

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A good character reference does not amend actions. As someone who has experienced sexual violence and seen more recently that actions do not often equal truth: a good character reference does not warrant a lesser sentence. What you see in public is often a falsified version to save face to what's happening behind the curtain. Again, speaking from experience and having knowing others who have been in the same boat: believing actions over words provides more proof to someone's character than a reference. Think of the victims that don't come forward. History shows they have been silence into not sharing their stories or seeking help. It's time to change that. A victims character should come before a perpetrators.