

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

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Paedophiles, rapists, and sex offenders, people committing serious offences by taking away the liberty of others should not be able to use good character references in court. The references should not be relied upon in court. Child abusers, rapists and sex offenders, have history of being sneaky and able to manipulate and groom those around them to hide in plain sight and get away with their disgusting acts. So those submitting good character references must surely have been manipulated or be complicit to the perpetrators' vile behaviour. The use of these references does further harm to survivors, victims and their families.