


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

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Hello,

I support the very important campaign #yourReferenceAintRelevant and the call for the abolition of the « good character » reference in the conviction of convicted rapist, child sex offenders and perpetrators of domestic violence.

Allowing these reference allows perpetrators to weaponise their social status. Justice should only be based on the facts, not who the perp knows.

It is time for Australia and the rest of the world to finally admit that perpetrators are not isolated « monsters ». They are Mr and Mrs anybody. They are parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts, children, friends, colleagues.

Because a person is nice to another doesn't mean they are exempt of being atrocious to others. The reference system is outdated and keep on harming survivors and slowing down the justice system.

Thank you very much for your consideration

Kind regards