

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

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As a GP and a loved one of a victim/survivor, I wholeheartedly support the proposal from #YourReferenceAintRelevant campaign calling for a total abolition of good character references in the sentencing of convicted rapists, child sex offenders and perpetrators of domestic violence. You can be considered a "good" person to some and still do horrifying, unforgivable things to others. Please give us hope that the justice system is starting to put victim/survivors in the priority seat and not the perpetrators.