

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

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People that have committed sexual violence and abuse against others (especially children) are inherently bad people. They use their two facedness and ability to appear a good person, to perpetrate and hide their abuse of vulnerable people and children. It is their supposed "good character" that allows them to get away with such horrendous acts without others noticing and makes victim-survivors scared to come forward. "Good character" references only protect rapists, peadophiles and perpetrators of abuse and prioritises their careers over the lives of the victims of their abuse. If we actually want to stop people from committing this heinous abuse against others and protect people from suffering such terrible pain, we have to ban good character references.  
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