

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

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Please, the perpetrators of sexual violence, (particularly those against minors) should not have their rights upheld to the detriment of their victims. Its not okay. We know offenders can portray themselves to other people as fine upstanding citizens, but to use the word of an acquaintance over that of a victim is abhorrent. Character witnesses are not relevant, especially not in proceedings where they have perpetrated sexual violence. There are too many loopholes for violent men to get away with appalling behaviour, and they need closing yesterday. Our lives are worth more than the temporary discomfort of a violent man. These perpetrators are being enabled, and their behaviour accepted and normalised by this ridiculous rule that belongs in the last century. Move on with the times already.