

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

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In no world should an offender have the opportunity for a 'good character reference'. What a joke. If the abuser has been brought to justice that should be the end of it. No character reference could ever override the horrible acts committed by so many across the world, and no victim should have to experience the anxiety of the 'reference' claiming for their character to be an 'otherwise good person'. It is a slap in the face to the victim. They have already been through enough for a lifetime.