

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I fully support the Inquiry into Penalties and Sentences (Sexual Offences) and Other Amendments Bill 2025. Sexual offences cause deep and lasting harm, and our legal system must reflect the seriousness of these crimes. Strengthening penalties and closing legal loopholes is an essential step toward justice, accountability, and survivor protection. This Bill represents a much-needed shift towards prioritising victims' rights, community safety, and a justice system that no longer minimises or excuses sexual violence. I support reforms that ensure sentencing reflects the true gravity of sexual crimes and deters future offending. Every survivor deserves to be heard, believed, and protected by law.