

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

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Character references should not be taken into consideration when sentencing. When I was raped as a teenager I did not tell anyone. My rapist bragged about it and that is how people found out. When told this, my friend said that he couldn't have done it as he was her cousin. People don't want to think bad things happen. But they do. Character references separate people their crimes and should not be considered.