

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

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I fully support the submission from "Your Reference Ain't Relevant" for the abolition of good character references for child sex offenders. The fact that perpetrators are known in the community as "good people" is evidence of their manipulation of those around them, grooming victims and their parents and care givers to enable them to commit these offences.

Good character references are irrelevant and should be fully abolished, not just restricted. The harm caused to victims and their families from hearing these references read out in court is extreme. The fact is that a "good person" does not sexually assault children, or anyone.