

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

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### Submitter Comments:

I wish to support to full removal of good character references in cases of child sexual abuse. Only limiting their use does not go far enough. As someone who works in the DFSV sector I know too well the impact of sexual violence on young people and their support systems. It is in the interest of the accused to appear of good character as part of gaining community trust and that of young people. Someone who is found guilty of child sexual abuse is not of good character therefore these references should not be able to be provided.