From: To:

Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Subject: submission: Criminal Code (Choking in Domestic Settings) and Another Act Amendment Bill 2020

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to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee,

I hope you all had a wonderful Bloomsday but as they say, "A gentleman never tells." This brings me to my next point regarding whether it should be codified in law with the obvious exception of allegations of unlawful sexual conduct or otherwise the direct subject of law. Right now it is lawful for government agencies to inquire into private sexual exploits. It's not something that is considered appropriate in the workplace but is considered appropriate at Centrelink. Asking a person if they engage in carnal relations with the people they live with is rather awkward and unbecoming but hitherto is considered normal behaviour within some government departments.

The non-consensual disclosure of consensual sex-acts involving identifiable persons in domestic settings should warrant further attention as another avenue through which domestic violence takes place.

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