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Dear Ms Gamin

Criminal Law (Sex Offenders Reporting) Bill 1997

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the private member's bill, the *Criminal Law (Sex Offenders Reporting) Bill 1997*.

The ABCI has two comments to make about the draft legislation. The first is that the title of the bill is a misnomer, as the bill specifically relates to sexual crimes against children. Perhaps it could be better titled the *Criminal Law (Child Sex Offenders Reporting) Bill 1997*.

The second comment pertains to the Sex offenders register in paragraph 8. The requirement for the person's name (and other details) to be removed after a period of 2.5 times the length of the sentence, does not take into account the high rates of recidivism amongst these offenders. It is the ABCI's view that there should be no requirement for the commissioner to remove the offender's name and details from the register at any time.

If there are any queries, please contact Intelligence Officer Alastair Smith on (02) 6243 5666.

Yours sincerely

 A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Ure".

John Ure
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4 February, 1998