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Subject: My submission to support change to Good Character references in sentencing for child sex, DV and rape trials
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to whom it may concern,

I am writing to put my full support behind Harri James' "your reference ain't relevant" campaign to change the laws around good character references in child sexual assault, rape and domestic violence trials and cases.

As a member of the community, a mother and a woman I don't care what someone's friend or colleague says about them being a "good person", what they have done has led to someone's life being taken away or changed forever. The courts should not care about this either, the person in question has been found to be guilty of a heinous crime that destroys families, leads to substance abuse, suicide and worse.

I cannot imagine how the families of the victims and the victims themselves pull themselves together to hear such utter garbage about the perpetrators and enough is enough!! It's about time we aligned with those who are suffering at the hands of abusers, no matter what their background is or church they belong to, or how much money they have or whatever "good standing" they are perceived to have in the community.

If you need anything else from me please let me know.

Thank you,
Jess.