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Sent: Saturday, 18 January 2020 3:30 PM
To: sentencingcouncil
Subject: Truth in sentencing

Dear Mr Speakman,

I am writing to you about the 'truth in sentencing' law in NSW in which certain prisoners who receive a life sentence will never be released as the crimes they are convicted of are so heinous they are deemed unfit to return to society.

NSW is the only Australian state to have this law. Whereas I agree that some crimes are so dreadful that those found guilty have forfeited their right to freedom, it is draconian to completely remove hope especially when a prisoner has proved that he or she is able to behave well over long periods of time.

It would be good if the benefits of this law were re-examined to see if the deficits outweigh the benefits.

Regards,
Helen Sanderson

Sent from my iPad