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To: <u>sentencingcouncil</u>

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To whom it may concern,

I am emailing you to remove the provision of good character references for convicted child sex offenders.

Whether a pedophile is perceived to have good character or not is irrelevant. The only action that matters in these cases is that the perpetrator sexually abused a child who deserves justice for this disgusting crime that inflicts life long trauma onto their victim. Pedophiles actually use this act of charisma and 'good character' to lure and abuse their victims and keep them silenced. As a survivor of child sexual abuse, this is incredibly harmful and almost makes pedophilia seem decriminalised.

NSW needs to do better. We need to listen to the wishes of survivors. Who could possibly understand this issue better than those with lived experience? Who better to listen to than those who have experienced the damage of these outdated laws firsthand? Listen to the #YourReferenceAintRelevant campaign! Please show your support and together we can make a difference for the lives of children and survivors.

Kind regards,