

**Subject:**

review

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To whom it may Concern:-

I have recently been pleased to note that the NSW Sentencing Council is reviewing Truth in sentencing for murder and manslaughter and the standard non parole period for murder. It must be dreadful for NSW judges to have no discretionary powers and so many prisoners to be facing life without hope.

As an elderly ex-Social Worker who was strongly influenced by the brilliant Professor Tony Vinson, I sincerely hope this Review will soon proceed. It is shocking that NSW is still the only jurisdiction in Australia where parole is not available for life sentences! Canada, as recently pointed out by Nicholas Cowdery QC, has recently made that humanitarian move.

There are so many factors to consider, I know, including the possibility that the original verdict WAS correct, and that murderers may remain murderers all their lives. But surely there has been enough evidence worldwide where the opposite was true and there could be innocent or changed people incarcerated forever ?

In 2020 is gaol still seen, by supposedly fair Australians, as REVENGE not REHABILITATION? I hope not...

I look forward to a modern, fair and intelligent result from the Review.

Signed.

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