

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge an objection to the Government's proposed changes to the matter under reference.

I am deeply concerned that the significant proposed change will place the onus on the alleged perpetrator to prove his/her innocence rather than the alleged victim provide adequate evidence to substantiate his/her claim.

For many hundreds of years our courts have operated on the Westminster System that you are innocent until proven guilty whereas the intended amendments effectively rotate this long established basic and highly esteemed protection of human rights.

The changes could also be applied to stifle freedom of religion and control or gag our media outlets

Our current court system principles, human rights standards, freedom of speech and religion are something to be upheld and they are envied by numerous nations and to any way tamper with these critical pillars of Australia's democracy would be an absolute disaster.

Yours faithfully,
Barry Mulquin