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To whom it may concern,

I have become aware of the state government seeking public opinion regarding the child sexual abuse laws. Having glanced over the recommendation document briefly my key recommendation is a significant increase to jail time without parole options for all child sexual abuse laws.

Background of my personal case [shortened version]:-

At the time of the "event" I was 15. I had be groomed online & via phone for over a year by a 35-40year old man. Talks were daily and content was always of explicitly sexual nature deemed "normal" by this man. He convinced & paid for me to travel interstate to Queensland for a weekend (48hrs). From the time I landed to the time I boarded the plane home, at no-point was there not a sexual orientation to his actions. A few months after this "event" the criminal proceedings started. 2 years later it concluded with him getting 5 years sentence with only 3 years non-parole.

It is impossible for me to fathom why he got such a small sentence when the repercussions of this man's actions have result in a life-long "sentence" for myself. The mental & emotional harm it has done to me personally, not to mention my close family, is permanent and irreparable, yet the man only served 5 years, and then he has the option to "continue a normal life". At no stage was there any adequate support or any compensation regarding my case. The best "support" was an hour per week session with a social worker who had zero knowledge or understanding of how to help a victim like myself.

I can only hope the minimum requirement standard, for future victims in this area, is a fully qualified Psychologist who specialises in child sexual abuse. Otherwise, there is no support or aid to these poor children. As for the offenders. The only way I can see the slightest improvement, and aid in removing possible future assaults of this nature, is a **25 year - life sentence for all child sexual abuse cases.**

Why should the victims suffer for the rest of their lives while the offenders be let off.

Child sexual abuse offenders are unable to be "healed". Do NOT let them back into Society so they can continue "killing" children per say. The Victims lives will be forever changed, for the worse, if these offenders continue to get such light punishment for their actions.

I have attached my Mother's 'Victim Impact Statement' for evidence support. I have more official documents regarding my case if you would like them to further support harsher laws in this field please do not hesitate to email me.

Kind Regards,

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