

PETITION

MANDATORY IMPRISONMENT OF CHILD SEX OFFENDERS

To the Honourable the President and the Members of the Legislative Council in this Parliament assembled –

The humble petition of the undersigned residents of South Australia respectfully sheweth that:

Explanation

We believe the sexual abuse of a child to be the most heinous offence deserving of a punishment that reflects the severity of the crime and the harm that it causes. Far too often, however, child sex offenders walk free from court on a suspended sentence or receive a non-parole period of only two or three years.

We believe mandatory minimum sentencing, as provided for in the *Criminal Law (Sentencing)(Mandatory Imprisonment of Child Sex Offenders) Amendment Bill* introduced by the Hon Ann Bressington MLC, to be necessary to ensure child sex offenders receive the penalty they deserve and children are protected from them.

Request

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honourable House will support the *Criminal Law (Sentencing)(Mandatory Imprisonment of Child Sex Offenders) Amendment Bill*.

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