

For
the
Future

Justice for
victims



South
Australian
Labor

Acknowledgment of country.

We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Custodians whose ancestral lands we live and work upon and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country. We also pay our respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their nations in South Australia, as well as those across Australia.

Foreword

The first and most important role of government is the safety of its citizens.

That is why Labor will take the toughest action ever in Australia against those who exploit children.

If elected, Labor will lock up serious child sex offenders and throw away the key until they can prove that they are no longer a threat to the community.

We will increase penalties, close loopholes in the law, establish a public child sex offender register, tighten bail laws and introduce lifetime electronic monitoring.

Labor has a long record of improving community safety, providing support for victims and reforming our justice system.

Labor removed the statute of limitations on child sex offences, established our first Child Sex Offender Register and appointed the state's first Commissioner for Victims Rights.

However, justice is about more than punishing criminals.

It's about placing the victim at the centre of our response and making sure they are treated as more than a witness. It's about starting to repair the damage that has been done.

Labor will invest an additional \$2 million to help victims as they go through court processes, provide better education about their rights and support their recovery from trauma.



Peter Malinauskas MP
SA Labor Leader



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VIVIAN DEBOO

Paedophiles who commit repeated offences inflict lifelong trauma and damage on their victims. Vivian Deboo was convicted twice for sexual offences against at least five children after taking advantage of his position in church and community organisations.

His victims included two brothers – one of whom wrote:

During my first shift in that cafe, late at night, he cornered and attacked me. I wasn't just a deer in the headlights. I was Bambi. Innocent and unsuspecting – a naive little kid. There was no way of defending myself against an adult predator at least three times my size.

A few months prior, Deboo had taken my older brother 100km away from our family home. He was 13 years old at the time. A more sweet and happy kid you would never meet.

When my brother first walked into that caravan he realised there was only one bed. Deboo attacked and sexually assaulted my brother on the first night.

Each evening, Deboo stood directly over my brother and asked him to telephone our parents, to let them know everything was going OK.

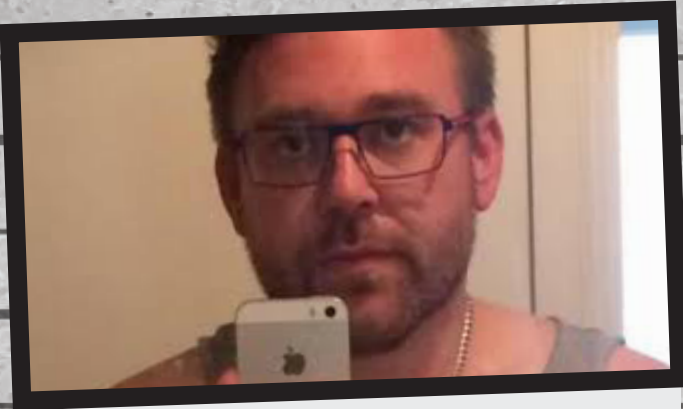


HAMZEH BAHRAMI

In many cases, including Hamzeh Bahrami, the community wants to see dangerous paedophiles spend longer behind bars. The ABC reported that:

Hamzeh Bahrami, 33, assaulted the 10-year-old victim multiple times at a Blair Athol playground and nearby toilet block in April 2019 in front of his own young daughter and niece... he could be eligible for parole in less than two years, in April 2022.

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JADD WILLIAM BROOKER

Due to loopholes in the law, criminals like Jadd William Brooker could walk out of prison earlier, not be closely monitored on parole and no one would know who he was if he disappeared while on parole.

The Advertiser reported that prosecutors alleged that Brooker had:

- Expressed the “intention to infect both children and adults with HIV” and filmed himself doing so.
- Had ongoing, illegal sexual relationships with two teens – one of whom has since died by suicide, the other of whom is awaiting HIV testing results.
- Can be connected to more than 40 other alleged paedophiles around the world.
- Pursued 19 other children, aged between 13 and 19, for sex over apps such as Skype and Telegram.



GARY JOHN TIPPING

Serious sex offenders who can't control their sexual instincts should be locked up. Offenders like Gary John Tipping have reoffended soon after being released. The ABC reported that:

In 2019, the court was told that Tipping was unable to control his sexual urges and would be at significant risk of reoffending if released. He had been convicted of sexual offences against boys aged between eight and 15.

The court heard, at the time, that some of the offending happened shortly after he was released on a court bond and later on parole.

Forensic psychiatrists had told the court they believed Tipping remained at high risk of reoffending, had poor insight into his crimes and had not engaged well in treatment.

A Malinauskas Labor Government will

- ✔ Pass new laws for indefinite detention so serious child sex offenders stay in prison until they can control their sexual instincts.
- ✔ Require lifetime electronic monitoring when serious child sex offenders re-enter the community.
- ✔ Create South Australia's first public child sex offender register.
- ✔ Strengthen Carly's Law so police can hunt online predators with confidence.
- ✔ Increase penalties on a range of child sex offences.
- ✔ Close loopholes that make it easier for people who possess child porn or child-like sex dolls to get bigger sentence discounts or bail.
- ✔ Pass new laws so that offenders will face up to 15 extra years in prison just for concealing a body.

Concealing bodies of victims

Concealing or mutilating the body of a victim makes criminal prosecutions more difficult and may lead to charges being downgraded. It also adds to grief, suffering and uncertainty for the loved ones of victims.

Geoffrey Adams killed his wife on the Yorke Peninsula in 1973, but her remains were not recovered until 2018. With the significant passage of time, he managed to secure a manslaughter verdict rather than the possibility of murder.

Since 2000, there are at least 28 cases where a body has been disposed of.

Under new laws, offenders will face up to 15 extra years in prison just for concealing a body.

Indefinite detention

Under the toughest laws in Australia, serious child sex offenders will be locked up and we will throw away the key until they can prove that they are no longer a threat to the community.

Under new laws, a person convicted of a second or subsequent serious child sex offence will have to apply to the Supreme Court for release.

They will need to convince the Supreme court and two medical professionals – both appointed by the court and not the offender – that they should be released.

Public Sex Offender Register

South Australia will establish a three-level public sex offender register based on the Western Australian model to provide greater confidence and safety. The new system will have three parts:

- ▶ A new **missing offenders website** will provide photographs and personal details of reportable offenders who have either failed to comply with their reporting obligations, provided false or misleading information to police and whose location or whereabouts is not known to police.
- ▶ A **local search** program will allow police, subject to an approved application, to provide photographs of dangerous and high-risk offenders in your suburb or surrounding area.
- ▶ A **parental disclosure scheme** will allow police to provide a parent or guardian of a child with information about a specific person who has regular contact with their child.

Lifetime electronic monitoring

Serious child sex offenders are already required to report to police for life under the Child Sex Offender Register that Labor introduced in 2006.

Under new laws, serious child sex offenders who leave prison will also face lifetime electronic GPS monitoring. This will increase public confidence in our justice system while helping police to monitor offenders and investigate new crimes.



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29 JUNE 2020

Funding cut to Victim Support Services forces Port Augusta office to close

Victim Support

When it was founded in 1979, the Victim Support Service in SA was the first of its kind in Australia and only the fourth in the whole world.

Over more than four decades, VSS has helped families of murder victims, sexual abuse survivors and victims of violence. Their services have included court preparation and companion programs for witnesses, peer support groups, victims rights education and training for professionals who work with victims.

Recent funding cuts had a devastating impact on the VSS – including the closure of seven offices in regional towns and reductions in services. *The Advertiser* reported that:

A groundbreaking counselling service for crime victims has announced the closure of most of its services following the loss of State Government funding.

The Victim Support Service (VSS) — the first of its kind in Australia — said it could no longer provide support for many victims of crime and abuse.

The service, which has supported thousands of crime victims over 40 years from the families of murder victims to targets of armed holdups, will close all of its regional offices.

The Liberals increased the Victims of Crime Levy by 50% - an extra \$9 million per year – without increasing support for victims of crime.

The Advertiser

MAY 2020

Victim Support Service loses funding after 40 years of helping South Australian crime victims

South Australian victims of crime and abuse – regardless of where they live or what language they speak – should feel respected, supported and safe.

The trauma of victims – that can last a lifetime and can be aggravated by court proceedings, anniversaries, publicity around similar crimes or the eventual release of their abuser – needs to be addressed safely, compassionately and confidentially.

Labor will invest an additional \$2 million to improve support for victims – including additional funding for the Victim Support Service – to help victims through some of the toughest times of their lives.

