

Dear Sir/Madame

My name is [REDACTED]. On 9 December 1994, my then fiancé [REDACTED], a nurse, was abducted and murdered from her hospital workplace at [REDACTED] NSW by two individuals. Basically she was forcibly removed from the hospital by the two killers, stripped naked, and marched naked to a nearby field where they proceeded to all but decapitate her with a machete. Her naked body was not found until the next day and was barely identifiable due to ant damage. I was a serving member of the NSW Police at the time stationed at [REDACTED] and as fate would make it, the crime scene was a short distance from our home.

In summary the two individuals were arrested and charged by police with her murder.

While refused bail, in gaol, one of the offenders murdered the other.

At the conclusion of the lengthy trial, the remaining individual was found guilty and sentenced to "life meaning life" in NSW. ie never to be released. The following court appeal confirmed this judgement and the individual will now die in gaol. This individual forfeited his life for the crimes he committed.

My Fiancé [REDACTED] was 21. She was not a child but during her short life, lost her father to cancer, but managed to cope and obtain a nursing degree. But [REDACTED] never got to physically hold that degree as between completing her course and graduation, was murdered.

It has been almost 25 years since her murder. I am married with children now but I can tell you, I am haunted daily with the facts of the case and the desperate loss her murder created in my world.

And now the Queensland Government is having an inquiry into the sentencing of child murderers.

My question to this inquiry is why are you focussed on child killers? The depravity and awful deaths some offenders are now involved in sickens everyone in your state of Queensland. What is stopping my government, the is you, from enacting laws which reflect truth in sentencing for all murders.

NSW had "life meaning life" sentencing for [REDACTED]'s murder in NSW in 1994. NSW even enacted fresh DNA laws following [REDACTED]'s murder.

But it is now 2018, nearly 25 years later, and Queensland has nothing even close. Why? What is stopping my "learned leaders" in Queensland from keeping up with standards expected by us? You are not forcing judges to give "life meaning life" sentences, but you are finally giving them the option.

Surely crimes as the recent murder of Tiahleigh Palmer show 20 years "life" in gaol in Queensland is not enough.

But this inquiry seems un-necessarily focussed on "child killers". I ask why?

Is it easier for the government? Are adults lesser people in need of justice? What if the murdered person is aged one day over the age of a child horrendously murdered? Does that technicality then negate a killer being eligible for "life meaning life in gaol"? If so, why? What changed? Is the crime less atrocious? Less evil? Less deprived? Lessen the loss of the family of the murdered person?

Stop this nonsense and simply change the laws immediately for all crimes of murder to be dealt with with a maximum of "life meaning life" in gaol. Simple really. Stop the inquiries, the committees, the talks, the submissions and just do your job.

Please find attached PDF files of Caselaw regarding [REDACTED]'s murder.

Please just do your job. Protect us from the worst of the worst.

Yours faithfully

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