

I write to express my support for the Criminal Code Amendment (Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes) Bill 2024.

All victims, survivors and their advocates should be able to seek justice through our legal systems that adhere to international standards and are free from political interference when it comes to genocide and atrocity crimes.

It should not be a requirement that the Attorney-General has the final say on who can and can't be held accountable in our legal system.

I support removal of the requirement that the Attorney-General must consent to atrocity crime cases in order that anyone can file for proceedings on these crimes in a court. This is consistent with Australia's obligations under the Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and other international legal instruments. I also support amendments to allow cases blocked by Attorneys-General since 2002 to be reviewed.