



# STUART GRIMLEY MP

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### Victorian Public Sex Offender Register: One Step Closer

Stuart Grimley MP is keeping his election promise to pursue a Public Sex Offender Register in Victoria's Parliament.

A motion, to be introduced and debated tomorrow, will ask the Parliament to send the consideration of a Public Register to the Legal and Social Issues Committee. It will ask the Committee to consider the "circumstances in which the details of convicted child sex offences can be made public".

It will also ask the Committee to explore how Victoria can best "prevent sexual offences from occurring through improved public awareness".

In his address to the Chamber, Mr Grimley will recall his time as a Detective in Victoria Police in the Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Teams (SOCIT) unit and the lifetime effects of seeing child pornography and child abuse can have on police officers. However, this doesn't compare to the lifelong impacts on the children depicted within them.

The former police officer will also bring up examples of two convicted child sex offenders who would be the target of such a Register; Michael Cardamone and Michael Guider. The latter criminal committed "unforgiveable crimes" and upon his release, Mr Grimley says that the community have a right to know where they will be generally located.

At May's Federal Election, a [\\$7.8m National Public Register of Child Sex Offenders](#) was committed by Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton. Of this, Mr Grimley said "the committee will determine the best form for a Victorian Register and I hope this will encourage the Federal Government to legislate its National Register sooner rather than later."

If the motion passes, it will bring a Public Sex Offender Register in Victoria one step closer.

### Quotes Attributable to Stuart Grimley MP:

"This is one of the main reasons I became an MP and a representative of the Justice Party. I am upholding an election commitment here in pursuing a public Sex Offender Register.

A sex offender register is not intended to affect – and will not affect – anyone under the age of 18 years. It would specifically target recidivist child sex offenders; those that are already on the sex offender register for life.

A public register already in operation in Western Australia has shown no signs of vigilantism, but rather vigilance.

Not many Victorians know that Western Australia has a partially-Public Sex Offender Register, but it works very efficiently. We should absolutely have the same in Victoria."

*My Grimley's motion can be viewed in full [here](#).*