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Media Statement: Grab and Drag Laws

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Reports of a teenage girl being grabbed and dragged toward a car while waiting for a bus in Frankston is absolutely sickening. Thankfully, there was a Good Samaritan who witnessed this heinous attack and stopped the perpetrator from taking this girl.

This incident further highlights the need for Victoria to introduce grab and drag laws.

It is still burnt in many Victorian's minds that harrowing footage of Jackson Williams grabbing and dragging a Melbourne nurse into a lane way. How can we forget that he was let off with little but a slap on the wrist. That one attack should have been enough for the Victorian Government to introduce a new offence.

The question we need to ask is how many more attacks need to take place before something is done? It's disgusting that grabbing and dragging a person is still in a grey area of the law. The Government must take action on this before we see more sickening attacks.

Derryn Hinch's Justice Party also made a [submission](#) to the VLRC Grab and Drag Issues Paper as part of the wider, *Improving the Response of the Justice System to Sexual Offences* inquiry.

Derryn Hinch's Justice Party is leading the charge for the creation of these laws. We will not rest until we see new laws passed to protect vulnerable women and children in our state.