

Dear Tasmanian Law reform Institute

I am a Crown prosecutor with the NT ODPP and regularly conduct sexual assault (both adult and child) trials before judge and jury in Alice Springs. I've read the issues paper regarding warnings in sexual offences' cases regarding delays in complaint and I think it's a great paper. It sets out the law clearly and concisely. It really is wonderful for a practitioner for it all to be pulled together in the way you have.

My response is as a private person and I do NOT represent the views of the NT ODPP. I wholly endorse the thrust of the issues paper; the balance has swung so far in favour of the accused that it is no wonder that the rate of acquittals is exceedingly high in such cases.

My answers to your questions are:

Q1	yes
Q2	yes
Q3	yes
Q4 a and b	yes and yes
Q5	N/A
Q6	no
Q7	yes

cheers

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