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## **DRIVER LICENCE DISQUALIFICATION REFORM**

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As a community lawyer I have had 2 clients recently who are HTOs with extremely long disqualification periods. The offences took place many years ago, but despite them turning their lives around, they have not been able to have their license reinstated. They both wanted their licenses to assist with the care of their children; taking them to activities and medical appointments and the other, to be able to spend time with their child after separation. In both these examples, if any outstanding disqualification periods removed when they had completed a minimum offence free period would enable them to build on their successes instead of continuing to penalise them and their families for years after the offences. In its current form the HTO should be abolished.