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**INQUIRY INTO CRIMES (APPEAL AND REVIEW)
AMENDMENT (DOUBLE JEOPARDY) BILL 2019**

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I am writing in support of the Crimes (Appeal and Review) Amendment (Double Jeopardy) Bill 2019 tabled in the NSW Parliament by Greens MP David Shoebridge.

The current double jeopardy legislation has denied justice to the Bowraville families who have been battling the system for almost 30 years. This year, their appeal for the retrial of the alleged killer of their children was denied in the Criminal Court of Appeal because of the arcane rules defining “fresh and compelling” evidence. The current bill remedies that. It clearly states that any evidence that was provided to the court in the past but not admissible because of restrictive rules would now be considered fresh if the rules of evidence have changed. This clear definition would finally allow for the retrial of the suspected serial killer for the murders of all three children and bring long awaited justice to the Bowraville families. Until this happens, the Bowraville murders will remain a deep stain on Australia’s criminal justice system.

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