

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

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We write this submission in relation to the current inquiry into the amendments to the double Jeopardy legislation that Mr David Shoebridge has put forward.

While we understand that this Inquiry is purely about the legislation, sometimes it is very hard to separate the two. It is very difficult to accept that we have to pay the price for the incompetence of the NSW Police prior to the reinvestigation in 1997.

Our family has waited for 28 years for justice. We have been told over and over again to wait and let the courts decide. We have waited with dignity and integrity.

When the changes were put forward 3 years ago they were rejected by Parliament because they didn't believe it would get us over the line. We waited and went thru the CCA and it failed. They found that if those changes had of been made then we may very well have gotten over the line. This legislation needs to be amended and defined so that we have a chance to obtain justice for our kids. Marbuck and Elijah are representatives of their father. He wanted to see justice before he died. Sadly 10 years on we are still here.

Our laws are based on the Westminster system from the UK and we believe that this legislation needs to be more in line with the changes in the UK. What is the point of making amendments if they are not workable?

The changes in 2006 were made to assist us and others. They haven't. This shows they don't work as they stand. Our message is very simple. We waited for the legal system to do its job and it clearly hasn't worked. The legislation needs fixing.

Please NSW government, stop playing politics and do the right thing and just fix it.

This is not just about our families. These laws haven't worked for anyone since they were brought in in 2006. Ours is the only case they ever used the laws for and they didn't work.

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