

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

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I'm Thomas Duroux. Clinton Speedy Duroux was my son. Clinton was living with me when he disappeared in 1991. His shoes came home, but he never did. He never went anywhere without those shoes.

Clinton was a friendly, smart, sporty young man. He'd do anything for me and he'd help anyone. He wouldn't miss a day of school. He idolised school, loved it. We thought he would become a footballer or a dancer. He was always on the go, playing around, walking around. He had an extraordinary life ahead of him. We love him and miss him so much. The pain and trauma don't go away with time.

We have no closure because of the way he was taken from us. We have been hurt again and again by the investigation process and the initial trial. At the first trial, we thought we would get justice. There was evidence that wasn't put before the court that we know about now, so it's very hard to understand why the case was run how it was, and to understand why the verdict was 'not guilty.' My Mum fainted when that verdict was read out. We were given no support. We were given riot police.

We have been told to 'get over it' by so many people. Police, Attorneys General, other politicians. We can never just 'get over it'.

Now, we have been devastated in a similar way by the NSWCCA and the High Court. They couldn't even look us in the face. We get there, and then we get pushed back. We keep having to go back and start all over again. We've been doing that for so long that we're just getting used to starting from the bottom and keeping going. We're not going to give up, though. I will never stop fighting for my son. We know this is just one more step along the way.

These laws will stand in the way of other families like mine if they're not changed to get the balance right. This is not just for our families, but for everyone. If we can get justice, maybe we can all pull together and help one another. We were fighting this whole time for the right reasons. We need the Parliament to finish the job they started and make sure the laws work right.

Thomas Duroux

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