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NSW Dept of Justice  
Re: Setting aside settlement agreements

Please record this as a valid submission and you may use my name.

I do not agree with any "setting aside" policy even though I understand the nature of not wishing to re-visit a settlement once made.

The history of sexual abuse throughout the failures of child protection that continue today indicate that any "setting aside" of justice is likely to suggest or lead to a tolerance of more injustice through various coercive mechanisms of telling victims to "settle" or "this is as good as it will get" sometimes just to alleviate the Courts or often to save offenders' money or their obligation to sentence.

I understand this temptation. It is a bad temptation to consider.

Setting aside justice is not justice.

I want to see Justice be consistent and fair from the start, and continue to be consistent and fair in future.

Do the right thing first time and this consideration would not be an issue wasting the Department's (and the Public) time, energy or resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this important matter that actually affects more people than we know and that will continue to affect others.

Sincerely

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