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Dear Committee,

Whilst I don't have any specific comment on the bill enabling new and compelling evidence to be brought to seek the overturn of an acquittal, I think the same should apply if there is new and compelling evidence supporting a finding of guilt which came to light only after an acquittal.

With the advent of DNA evidence the UK did this in about late 2002 and as I'm pretty sure we don't have the same provision here , we should.. If that is , in my view it should be added to this bill.

It is ludicrous that an innocent person can be (rightly) exonerated when fresh evidence becomes available , yet a clearly guilty one who has been acquitted cannot be subsequently convicted when new and compelling evidence clearly establishes that guilt .

Kindest Regads .

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Former AG for the ACT