



Victims' right to review policy

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions



Easy English

Blue words



Some words in this policy are **blue**.

We write what the blue words mean.

Help with this policy



You can get someone to help you

- understand this policy

- find more information.



Contact information is at the end of this policy.

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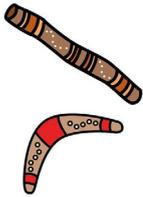


Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the First Peoples of Queensland.



They are the Traditional **Custodians** of our lands and waters.

Custodians are people who look after something.



We understand the importance of First Peoples'

- culture
- language
- history.



About this policy



This policy is from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.



This policy is for **victims** of crime.

A victim is someone who was harmed by an **alleged** crime.

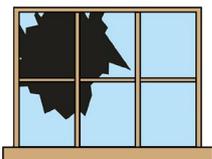


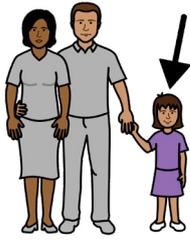
Alleged means we think someone did a crime.



You might be a victim of crime if

- someone hurt you
- someone stole something from you
- someone broke something you own.





You might be a victim of crime if you are

- a parent or **guardian** of a child victim
 - a guardian is someone who can help you make choices

- someone who has **impaired capacity**
 - impaired capacity means someone finds it hard to understand things.



You might be a victim if you had a family member who was killed in an alleged crime.



This book tells you about our
right to review policy.

Right to review means you can talk to us if we
plan to **discontinue** all charges against someone.



Discontinue means we stop the charges.



Our right to review policy has 3 **principles**.



Principles are ideas to make sure we have a good policy.

1. We will make sure victims get their rights.



Victim rights means how you are treated.



There is a Queensland law about victims' rights.

It is called the **Victims' Commissioner and Sexual Violence Review Board Act 2024**.



2. We will make sure victims understand why we make decisions.



3. We will listen to what victims say about our decisions.

We will talk to victims, but still make our own decisions.

Sometimes we decide to stop taking someone to court



We will talk to victims before we make our decision.



We will ask the police what they think.



If we decide to stop taking someone to court, we will tell victims why.

What we tell you when we want to stop taking someone to court



We **must** tell you before we stop all the charges.



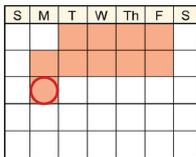
We **must** give you this policy **before** we stop all the charges.



We **must** tell you that you can ask us to **review** our decision.



Review means we think about whether we made the right decision.



You have 10 work days to tell us if you want a review.

What decisions we can review



You can ask us to review a decision to stop **all** charges against someone.

You can only ask for a review if the charges relate to you.

For example, if you are a victim.

What decisions we cannot review



We cannot review

- a decision to stop only **some** charges



- a decision to change charges

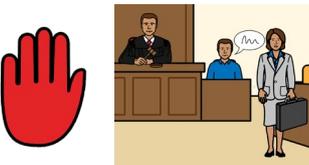


- a decision made by the Director of Public Prosecutions to stop all charges



- a decision to stop all charges at the start of a **trial**

– a trial is a court case to decide if someone did a crime



- a decision to stop all charges during a trial.

What we will review



We will review

- if we made mistakes about the **evidence**
 - evidence means information about a possible crime



- if we followed the law



- if we followed our **guidelines**
 - guidelines say how we should do things



- if the person who decided to discontinue all charges made mistakes.

How you can ask for a review



Find out online

[justice.qld.gov.au/about-us/services/
public-prosecutions/review](http://justice.qld.gov.au/about-us/services/public-prosecutions/review)

Call

07 3035 1122



or

1800 673 428

You can get a form to contact us by post or email.



Website

publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/victims-right-review

We can help you fill in the form.



You can post the form to

Right to Review

Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

GPO Box 2403

Brisbane, Queensland 4001.



You can email the form to

DPPRighttoreview@justice.qld.gov.au

How we deal with compliments and complaints



A compliment means you tell us we did a good job.



A complaint means you tell us you are **not** happy.

You tell us why you are **not** happy.



You can find our Compliments and Complaints Policy on our website.

Website

justice.qld.gov.au/about-us/services/public-prosecutions/compliments-complaints

Online PDF.



Website

publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/odpp/resource/4e254f85-ef72-4231-babf-ea03e9837ab6

More information



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