

CRIMINAL BAR ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

MEDIA RELEASE

The Criminal Bar Association of Victoria strongly supports the policy of the Victorian Government in ruling out mandatory minimum sentencing.

Such a measure would be an unnecessary and direct interference with the important sentencing discretion of judges. “We agree with the Premier’s reported comments that politics should be kept out of the judgments that are made about sentencing” the Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, Lex Lasry QC said today.

“The reported suggestion by the Leader of the Opposition that a sentence of imprisonment is the exception for serious crime is plainly wrong and pays no attention to the detailed principles of law on which judges must sentence offenders”, Mr. Lasry said.

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