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**'Sex' loophole being abused in strangulation laws**

## DV offenders using choking law sex loophole

CANNY violence perpetrators are using a sex loophole in Queensland's strangulation and choking legislation to avoid punishment.

The legislation has the phrase "without the other person's consent" designed to ensure laws did not impact on people who like being choked,

during sex to increase pleasure.

Women's Legal Service Queensland lobbied the government to keep the wording out, and its worst fears have been realised with perpetrators arguing 'she consented'.

The State Government was asked if it would consider removing the consent phrase but

it did not respond directly.

"There is always room for improvement in this space, and while criminal charges are holding perpetrators to account in the short term, we must also recognise that a broader cultural shift in attitudes is needed in the long term," a spokesperson said.

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