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Here is my submission for Wayne Rickards.

In the terms of reference, were issues are seek such

- reduce and aim to eliminate family violence
- prevent the occurrence and escalation of family violence
- hold those who have been violent accountable for their actions

The best way to deal with those terms of reference, is set up a violent offenders register similar to the sex offenders register, were those found guilty of family violence would place on such a register. Such persons would be banned from new personal relationships, the same way as sex offenders are banned from personal relationships with children, preventing new victims.

Having read much about family violence, it does show that many offenders do go to commit further crimes of violence and jail terms don't always work.

Should be the register been made public, no as long as the violent offender is banned from personal relationships, there is no need for this.

Length of time on the register, this should be up to the courts to decided and work out. The dangerous the offender, the longer the length on the register. If a offender causes death, disables a victim or reoffends, than such a offender should be place on the register for life.

The lengths can various depending on the crimes committed, like two years, five years, ten years and 15 years, up to life, its up to the courts to decided this. Also a two year period for young offenders or those who commit minor violent crimes, as such actions can make such persons think seriously hard about their futures, regarding been on the register. Life under the register will mean no girlfriends, no nightclubs visits, no foreign travel, were they find themselves leading a life of a outcast, were many would think twice in committing further violent crimes and deter them. The average youth would hate such conditions and never want to be on the register again.

The best method would be to merger the sex offenders and violent offenders register together, and rename this as the dangerous offender register instead. Having too many registers will just double police work, so having one register would make the task much easier, than having multi registers.

Many other organisations such as holiday resorts, cruise lines, foreign nations, theme parks, community groups, brothels, social clubs, churches, support groups can register and banned such persons from joining, entering or seeking their services. This can included towns, villages, suburbs, entire streets, street blocks or block of flats and units, were such offenders are banned from moving in. They can't be banned if they resided prior to the offenses. Licensed premises can applied and have such persons banned from entering their premises. Types of employment such as nursing, aged care, child care, medical, teaching and working with the disabled can banned such persons from seeking employment in such fields.

Even community groups, businesses and clubs can put signs outside their premises banning violent offenders from entering would be a massive deter for future violent offenders.

A list website can be created for offenders to search and check locations and services, and see if they are banned from joining or entering. If the offender decides to move to another location, and informs the police prior, than the police can order the offender not to move into such area.

The law is deranged as for a example a violent offender can seriously assault a child under the age of 16 years resulting in hospital treatment and cause the victim suffering post traumatic stress for the rest of her life. Yet such a offender can receive a light jail term for such a crime, and once leaves prison, moves on with their life without the been on a register. Such a crime deserves such a offender been on a register, the same way a sex offender who sexual abuses a child is place on the register for life. Committing any form of assault sexually or not on any persons under the age of 16 years, should have such a offenders place on a register once they leave prison.

Another good reason for a dangerous offender or violent offenders register, having read many studies on family violence, and looking at the case of Luke Batty, that many offenders go on to reoffended and ignored AVO orders, with no fear of a long prison term.

Due to the nature of such a offender, it is best that such offenders like sex offenders must give police all their personal details, home address, work, emails, phone, etc. Since many offenders use mobile devices to stalk and harass their victims, than police need to have their communication details. With the police having such information, the offender may think twice before stalking and engaging in harassment of their victims. It likely made such crimes harder for offenders to commit and likely result in them been arrested faster, before they can commit any further crimes against the victim.

In serious cases, were an AVO is issue involving violence, the offender will be need to be place on the register for the length of the AVO order.

Would a dangerous offender or violent offender register deter offenders from commit acts of family violence. Sadly in some cases, it be a no, but in other cases, yes it would. Some offenders do learn from past mistakes and want to move on, but for others, they will never learn. Again if the register prevents even just a few acts of violence and prevents new victims, than it be would be worth it.

Even the term a violent offender alone can deter persons, as its not a term most people would like to be given. Even in my own personal life, a number of possible violent offender was asked if they was violent offenders, most was insulted and quickly thought of their actions, and came peaceful. So this term alone can prevent persons from engaging in violence or threats of violence.

Often violent offenders are given glory, honour, recognition and reputation which some offenders enjoy if they mix in socially with other offenders and their supporters for acts of violence they have committed. Given the label violent offender and place on a register really destroys any glory, honour and recognition they seek, and their reputation is a violent criminal who is not wanted by the community. That is something not to boost and brag about. Lose of personal relationships would alone would deter most persons.

The average person does not want to be a made a public outcast would deter most offenders.

Regards

Wayne Rickards