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Parole and parole authorities in Australia: A system in crisis? – Lorana Bartels

The issue of parole has received significant attention in Australia in the wake of the high profile killing of Jill Meagher by parolee Adrian Bayley. This article presents an overview of the laws governing the decision to grant and revoke parole, including the factors that parole authorities must consider. The imposition of parole conditions is also examined. The article then presents a review of recent data on parole decision-making from each State and Territory, as well as considering recent legal and policy developments. The article concludes that parole serves multiple purposes and parole authorities have an important, if controversial, role to play in the justice system. Accordingly, they require adequate support to perform this role appropriately. 357

Naming young offenders: Implications of research for reform – Jodie O’Leary

Recently it was reported that Queensland’s Liberal National Party Government is considering proposing amendments to the State’s juvenile justice legislation to expand the ability to name recidivist young offenders. This article suggests that such a proposal does not align with the evidence regarding juvenile development and offending, and will be ineffective as a deterrent, as well as increasing stigmatising potential. The article considers whether the provisions on naming in other States and Territories are better aligned with the available evidence. It concludes that the approach taken in the majority of jurisdictions, which rests on a presumption against naming, should be considered best practice. 377

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