

Criminal Justice

LAW reform Inquiry submission on **Battered Woman's Syndrome, as discussed in case law .**

Word limit : 2500

Referencing style : AGLC3

Structure the submission in accordance with the following headings, and address the following issues:

1) Historical Background - 2) The Current Law -

3)The Aims of Criminal Justice -

4) Arguments for and against legal change -.

5)Recommendations for Change -

Style of submission : Persuasive, concrete,analytical,professional and ethical.

All arguments should be supported with evidence

- Use statistics and other data where appropriate to provide support
- Use only reliable sources (eg Australian Institute of Crimonology and BOCSAR for statistical data, etc)
- Use strong clear language, but avoid hyperbole or generalisations

Provide analysis of the law itself

- apply both statutes and case law, engage in statutory interpretation
- Identify and address counter-arguments – reasons the law should be maintained as it is, or alternative measures for reform
- Identify why the law exists as it is, and identify the purpose of the provision in analysis

- Identify positives about the law, and elements that should be retained

Make recommendations, not merely criticism of what is wrong

- The more specific the analysis and proposals, the better
- Think about the reality of the government's position. How will they implement what you are proposing?
- Be creative, but realistic
- Look to other jurisdictions, for ideas on how to change NSW law

Your tone doesn't need to be overly formal, but it does need to be professional

- Use the correct legal terminology as appropriate
- Use footnotes for referencing and use the AGLC3 for citation
- Proof read, or even better have someone else look it