

**From:** Section 9(2)(a)  
**To:** [Nicole McKee](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fwd: We're bringing back Three Strikes.  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 April 2024 3:16:36 PM

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**Subject:** Re: We're bringing back Three Strikes.

**Date:** Tue, 23 Apr 2024 14:47:41 +1200

**From:** Section 9(2)(a)  
**To:** Section 9(2)(a)

Item, one. 'Offenders who commit murder at second or third strike will receive an appropriately lengthy non-parole period.'

NOT GOOD ENOUGH. What does appropriate mean? 1 year up to 20 years ? ***Why not state a minimum sentence of say, 10 years.***

On 23/04/2024 11:51 am, Todd Stephenson | ACT wrote:

Dear **Section 9(2)(a)**

New Zealanders are rightly concerned about violent crime. Everyone has the right to feel safe in their homes, businesses and communities.

**Yesterday my colleague Nicole McKee announced legislation to bring back the Three Strikes legislation, axed by Labour who spent six years cuddling criminals and ignoring victims.**

We couldn't do this alone – we secured this as part of our coalition agreement thanks to your support.

As Associate Justice Minister, Nicole is restoring the Three Strikes regime, with improvements including:

- Offenders who commit murder at second or third strike will receive an appropriately lengthy non-parole period;
- The Three Strikes law will now target sentences above 24 months;
- There will now be a limited benefit for guilty pleas to avoid re-traumatisation of victims, and to improve court delays.

We are sending a strong message that repeat offending will not be tolerated.

This comes on top of progress Nicole has already made on restoring law and order, such as repealing the funding for section 27 reports and making gang membership an aggravating factor at sentencing.

And my own member's bill to make rehab or education a condition of parole has passed its first reading in Parliament.

**john, while ACT Ministers and MPs continue to deliver real change out of Wellington, the grassroots organisation across the country relies on your**

continued support. [Will you step up for Real Change?](#)

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Thanks for everything you do,



Todd Stephenson  
ACT List MP and Justice spokesman



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**From:** Section 9(2)(a)  
**To:** [David Seymour](#); [Karen Chhour](#); [Simon Court](#); [Brooke van Velden](#); [Cameron Luxton](#); [Nicole McKee](#); [Parmjeet Parmar](#); [Todd Stephenson](#); [Laura Trask](#)  
**Subject:** 3 Strikes  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 April 2024 10:20:38 AM

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Hello

I was very pleased that you are re-introducing the 3 Strikes law

But I was very disappointment in that it seems weaker than the previous version.

EG you are giving judges even more discretion.

That was the problem with the last law

How many peoples actually got given a 3rd strike notice (ie on the second office)

Judges always found a way round it.

I think you will find that VERY few people were even given a third strike

So it was working

But unless you force the judges to enforce it, it will be a waste of time, and an opportunity for the MSM and Opposition to call you out.

We voted for more prisons and more people in jail - Keep them off the street and keep us safe.

If enough are sent to jail for a long time - the others will get the message

Kind Regards

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From: Section 9(2)(a)

Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 2:34 PM

To: Paul Goldsmith (MIN) <x@xx>; Karen Chhour (MIN) <x@xx>

Subject: Three strikes legislation

Good morning,

I am a Judicial Justice of the Peace Section 9(2)(a)

I look after arrests at the Section 9(2)(a) by audio visual link.

Why I am contacting you is that although it is marvellous that you have now added strangulation (impeding breathing) to the three strikes legislation, I would like to respectfully suggest that MP's consider adding intent to cause bodily harm (Section 189(1) of the Crimes Act 1961).

In particular when victims are forced to the ground, stomped on and kicked in the head / body.

This last month I have handled 52 arrests, 25 of them involve family violence – The Judges also handle a good percentage of the arrests.

Unfortunately almost everyone is Māori.

I see many extreme cases and invariably the victim is too scared to leave or approach Police.

Many of these women are strangled, kicked in the head, punched in the head and body, as well as dragged by the hair.

Here is an example I had to deal with the other week (Police summary of facts):

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For the many years I have been a Judicial Officer, I have seen numerous examples of this type of violence and I am concerned enough to contact you, hoping to make a difference.

Three strikes may not stop them doing it, but at least if it carries on they will be out of society for some time. This offence has 10 years imprisonment.

I hope you and your fellow MP's can consider my request

Thanks and kind regards,

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ACT in Free Press said: Meanwhile, Three Strikes is coming back. Serious sexual and violent offenders automatically get the maximum sentence on their third conviction. This is not correct. The proposed law will exempt the majority of recidivis...

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## ACT wrong on new Three Strikes law



David Farrar

May 13

ACT in Free Press [said](#):

Meanwhile, Three Strikes is coming back. Serious sexual and violent offenders automatically get the maximum sentence on their third conviction.

This is not correct. The proposed law will exempt the majority of recidivist criminals from going a strike because of the new criteria that if a Judge gives them a light sentence, they they don't get a strike. And the proposed law also gives judges much more discretion to change third strike sentences.

The law ACT is supporting is a Claytons Law - sounds like the old Three Strikes Law, but is a weak copy of it.

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**From:** Section 9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2024 1:11 PM

**To:** Nicole McKee (MIN) <x.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>

**Subject:** Question

Dear Minister,

I have read Mr Farrar's comments on "Kiwiblog" that your 3 Strikes law is "so watered down it is next to useless."

He also says that you are resetting Strikes at zero as well as making it likely that Judges will issue light sentences to avoid 3 Strikes.

Is this true?

And if so, why are you going soft on crimes.

One of the worst aspects of NZ is the softness on criminals. People are emigrating because of it. Ask any Indian shopkeeper for example.

We had hoped the new government would get serious on crime. If Mr Farrar is correct, and he is seldom wrong, then you stand condemned.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** Section 9(2)(a)

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 4, 2024 10:06 PM

**To:** Paul Goldsmith (MIN) <x@xx>; Chris Penk  
<x@xx>

**Cc:** Cameron Brewer <x@xx>

**Subject:** 3 Strikes legislation? C'mon, please...

Good evening, all.

I counted to ten before writing this, but I remain firm – bordering on furious - in my view that your latest legislation is far too soft.

If you think that crimes receiving less than 2 years jail don't warrant inclusion, please think again – I don't need to repeat the examples provided by Heather du-Plessis Allan.

It is particularly galling that you propose forgiving those who already had strikes to their name – I'm sure you could find a way to insert a clause allowing our judges some leeway when necessary.

It seems clear to me that our sentencing has become very soft in recent times, to the point where one wonders if many of our judges have entirely lost the plot.

However, they are not all bad – and we have just seen a fine example of commendable sentencing by the judge in the trial of the woman who killed her three children.

Please ensure that we are not left with an emaciated version of what is urgently required.

With thanks and kind regards.

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From: Section 9(2)(a)

Sent: Monday, July 8, 2024 8:58 AM

To: Paul Goldsmith (MIN) <[x.xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:x.xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

Subject: "New" 3 strikes rule

Good Morning Mr Goldsmith,

I have worked in Australian Corrective Services (2 States) and been an advisor **Section 9(2)(a)** previously and as such, I know there's almost no chance that you will personally get to read this, however, I would like to voice my concern over the new/updated 3 strikes law. I believe that such a law is necessary however the new version that your Government is introducing has serious flaws that need to be addressed to make it work. Rather than bang on about it, a post in Kiwiblog this morning sums up some of the major issues.

"July 8, 2024 7:00am by David Farrar

Meet a zero striker #1

This is Ranapera Taumata.

His three strikes are:

1st: aggravated robbery – he was sentenced to 8 months home detention

2nd: robbery (which he committed while on prison release conditions) – he was sentenced to 20 months imprisonment.

3rd: murdered his girlfriend in 2019 by beating her to death with his bare hands.

Now what the Government's new Three Strikes law does is firstly wipe all three of his strikes. Yep he is back to zero strikes. Unbelievable.

But even worse is this new law means he would have even got a first or second strike. As both got sentences of under 24 months, he would not have even got strikes for them. So his murder conviction would be a first strike, not a third strike."

As well as working as a Prison Officer, Senior Prison Officer, Chief Prison Officer and **Section 9(2)(a)**, working at all levels of Probation and Parole, from Community work supervisor, to D&A Counsellor to Manger, and as an Advisor **Section 9(2)(a)**, it is my opinion that the current form of the law is not suitable.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

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**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2024 2:59 PM

**To:** Hon Mark Mitchell <x@xx>

**Subject:** Three Strikes legislation

Dear Mark

As a National Party member, I write to express my extreme disappointment in the Three Strikes legislation as drafted.

There are so many undesirables who have up to three strikes already who will have those strikes wiped off their record. The other major concern I have is that a sentence of less than 2 years will not qualify as a Strike. Sadly, with our present judiciary, the chances of some of these individuals not receiving a sentence of two years or more, is quite high and so the bar is set very high for a strike to be achieved.

As a party and individual who campaigned so strongly on being tough on crime, I find this falling very short of your promises. I am sure ACT and NZ First would have quite different attitudes.

Yours sincerely

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From: Section 9(2)(a)  
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 4:37 PM  
To: Hon Mark Mitchell <[Mark.Mitchell@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mark.Mitchell@parliament.govt.nz)>  
Subject: FW: LawPoints | Law Society submits on Three Strikes Amendment Bill

Good afternoon Minister

Once again the Law Society is submitting on behalf of its members without consulting said members. There are plenty of us who are quite happy with this law both in principle and in its terms. The more offenders it catches the better for our society. Bad people are aware of the law and its consequences. Hence the celebration when Home D is the sentence of the day. They do not really like going to prison unless of course they are homeless, jobless and in ill health or folk who previously the system would have locked up in Carrington, Kingseat et al. If we want to transform NZ into a place where people have discipline and care for each other which is certainly not the case now then this law and probably an even more draconian version of it is required asap. Thank you for reading this.

Regards

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From: LawPoints Section 9(2)(a)  
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 4:02 PM  
To: Section 9(2)(a)  
Subject: LawPoints | Law Society submits on Three Strikes Amendment Bill

**From:** [Safe Communities](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Press Release of Three Strikes Submission  
**Date:** Wednesday, 28 August 2024 3:41:52 PM  
**Attachments:** [Oral Submission on Reinstating Three Strikes Law 2.pdf](#)

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Kia Ora,  
Thanks for your Tough on Crime policy indeed.

Kindly find the attached materials about the submission and recent crime incidents.

A hundred days having passed the coalition government was elected, the crime has not been substantially suppressed yet.

Therefore, we, Safe Communities Association hereby reiterate that restoring the original Three Strikes law sends a strong message to the criminal fraternity. Repeat serious violent and sexual offenders should be imprisoned for as long as possible without any new victims created.

Watering down Three Strikes is not what we voted for!

Your discrete consideration of the bill would be highly appreciated.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Regards.



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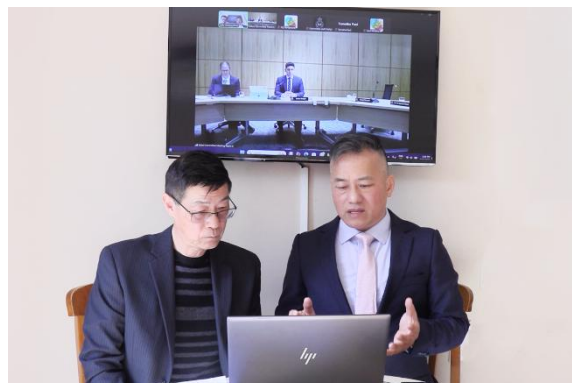
## ORAL SUBMISSION

### Sentencing (Reinstating Three Strikes) Amendment Bill

The Oral Submission was delivered to the Parliament Select Committee by Safe Communities Association on August 22, 2024, apart from the written submission lodged earlier in July.

It has been reiterated by the association that the original Three Strikes Law will have to be reinstated completely without any compromise.

Safe Communities Association is determined to fully support the Tough on Crime Policy promised by the coalition government. Restoring an original Three Strikes Law sends a strong message to the criminal fraternity. Repeat serious violent and sexual offenders should be imprisoned for as long as possible. Watering down Three Strikes is not what we voted for!



The voice has been heard during the Anti-Crime Rally on 13.07.2024, with a huge turnout of the general public and the support from community leaders, MPs, deputy mayor and other politicians, in response to the recent crime incidents including 16-year-old school boy attacked on the bus and jewellery shop robbery.

However, those incidents keep happening on the bus, on the street, in the shops and at homes. We hereby make our stance very clear that we advocate to impose harsher punishment on crime including juvenile offence. Your support is very import to bring Safe New Zealand back, therefore for ourselves, for our next generation, kindly sign the Anti-Crime Petition including the full restore of Three Strikes Law.

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## Sentencing (Reinstating Three Strikes) Amendment Bill at a glance

Under this bill, it massively reduces the number of recidivist criminals who will make it to Second or Third Strike stage, by setting a 24 months imprisonment threshold at all three stages of the regime.

As soft sentences are commonly handed down by lenient judges, almost all Judges oppose Three Strikes sentencing.

As a result, a much smaller number of criminals will be imprisoned for longer, consequently more new victims will be created, this will not help the Government achieve its goal of fewer victims of crime.



Highlights of the submission under this amendment bill:

- This reduces the number of Third Strikers by 70%
- This is a clean slate 14,687 serious criminals
- This empowers Judges to be soft and discount on sentences
- Marginal cases should use the “manifestly unjust” clause

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