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BAIL DECISION PROMPTS ANGER

"Community outrage about last week's granting of bail to a man accused of sexual offences against three children shows the bail laws must be changed" says Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling.

"The accused, who was found out through the Child Abuse Task Force, is still living in the community".

"Naturally, people in the community are furious and demanding he be removed".

"They are also sending their children away from the community rather than put them at risk".

"It's ludicrous that innocent people have to take these actions when the accused should be the one moved away".

Mrs Braham said she has proposed an amendment to the Bail Act that will remove the presumption of bail for serious sexual assaults, including those against children.

"The reactions of people in this current case is matched by the responses I have received to my proposed amendment".

"People are sending a clear message - they want the alleged offender out of their community".

"Removing the presumption of bail, as proposed in my amendment, reflects how serious our community regards these crimes".

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