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Reversal of the current presumption of bail in relation to an accused person charged with serious sexual assault is welcomed by Loraine Braham, Independent Member for Braitling, after the defeat of her bill along similar lines in late 2006.

"The Attorney-General acknowledged back then that the Government supported the intent of my bill but would introduce their own version amending the criteria for the grant of bail to focus on protecting victims", said Mrs Braham.

"I acknowledge and thank the government for this amendment".

"It is another example of how Independents can influence and bring about changes to government policy".

"But, most importantly for me, it provides stronger protection for victims of serious sexual assaults and this was the ultimate intent of my amendment".

"Did my amendment spark government's moves to amend the Bail Act?"

"As legislators we should concentrate on introducing legislation for the good of the Territory and its people, and not just for political point-scoring or to follow party policy".

"I will make sure I give feedback to those people who supported my bill".

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