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PLEASE REPLY TO:-

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

The Campaign does not condone the production or sale of indecent photographs of children, but has reservations about the clause in the Criminal Justice Bill which would make possession alone of such photographs an offence.

We argue that once it is accepted that possession alone of any item, no matter how offensive, can be a crime, there is little to prevent this principal being extended to other material whose offensiveness is not unquestioned.

When the Drug Trafficking Offences Act was passed, the public were assured that the unusual penalty of confiscation of assets would be applied only to the proceeds of that particular crime, but the same Criminal Justice Bill extends that penalty to a wide range of other offences.

The Campaign would welcome an assurance from the Government that the proposed offence of possession will not be extended to other material ^{some}intended for consumption by members of sexual minority groups.

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