Criminalisation and responsibilisation: A case study of Victorian responses to intentional HIV transmission

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‘The purpose of the Bill is to respond to escalating community concern about the use of hypodermic syringes filled with blood as weapons in cases of robbery and assault’.


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‘HIV is a lethal weapon in the hands of a would-be criminal ... I am prepared to stand behind the Act because murder is murder’.

(Victoria, Parliamentary Debates, Legislative Assembly, 28 April 1993, 1259, pg. 425, Kim Wells)