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**MEDIA STATEMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION  
PROJECT 107: SEXUAL OFFENCES: PORNOGRAPHY AND CHILDREN**

On 16 March 2019 the Commission approved the publication of its discussion paper on sexual offences (pornography and children) for comment. As part of the overarching investigation into the review of all sexual offences, this discussion paper seeks to review the legislative framework that currently applies to children in respect of exposure to pornography and child sexual abuse material (the Commission's preferred term for child pornography) within the larger framework of all statutory and common law sexual offences.

Five main topics are discussed in this paper, namely:

- Access to or exposure of a child to pornography;
- Creation and distribution of child sexual abuse material;
- Consensual self-child sexual abuse material (sexting);
- Grooming of a child and other sexual contact crimes associated with or facilitated by pornography or child sexual abuse material; and
- Investigation, procedure & sentencing.

The Commission invites comment on the discussion paper and the draft Bill which accompanies it. Comment may also be made on related issues of concern which have not been raised in the discussion paper. The closing date for comment is 30 July 2019.

**ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY, SA LAW REFORM COMMISSION, CENTURION  
DATE: 8 April 2019**

A copy of the summary of the discussion paper and the draft Bill is attached. The contact person for enquiries in respect of the media statement is Ms D Clark: email [dclark@justice.gov.za](mailto:dclark@justice.gov.za). The discussion paper is freely available on <http://salawreform.justice.gov.za>

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