

Change Agents: Ameer Meredith and Caterina Politi on reforming 'one-punch' laws

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[The death](#) of Melbourne heart surgeon Patrick Pritzwald-Stegmann has again focused attention on the fatal consequences of so-called “one-punch” attacks.

In response to this form of violence, Australian states and territories have enacted quite different laws, often following campaigns by family members seeking justice for a lost loved one.

On this episode of Change Agents, Andrew Dodd speaks to two of these campaigners. In Victoria, Caterina Politi campaigned successfully for ten-year mandatory minimum sentences following the death of her son, David Cassai. And in the Northern Territory, Ameer Meredith lobbied for tougher sentences after the death of her husband, Brett, who was also a territory police officer.

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