

Use Carriage Service for Child Abuse Material

s 474.22 (Cth) Criminal Code

s 474.22(1) Use carriage service to

- (a)(i) access child abuse material
- (a)(ii) cause child abuse material to be transmitted to himself or herself
- (a)(iii) transmit, make available, publish, distribute, advertises or promote child abuse material
- (a)(iv) solicit child abuse material

Commenced: 1.3.2005

Maximum penalty: 10 years increased to 15 years on 15.4.2010

Expanded: 21.9.2019 (offences previously committed under s.474.19 now included under this section)

Note: Mandatory minimum penalty applies to offence committed on or after 23.6.2020 where offender convicted previously of child sexual abuse offence:

4 years head sentence: s.16AAB (Cth) Crimes Act 2014

May be reduced by up to 25% each for guilty plea and/or co-operation: s.16AAC

The definition of 'child abuse material' under s.273.1 expanded to include what was previously defined as child pornography. Offences involving child pornography prior to 21.9.2019 dealt with under s.474.19 Use Carriage Service for Child Pornography – see separate table

COPINE scale (Combating Paedophile Information Networks in Europe) / Australian National Victim Image Library (ANVIL) / Child Exploitation Tracking System (CETS).

<u>Category 1</u>	images depicting erotic posing of children with no sexual activity
<u>Category 2</u>	images depicting sexual activity between children, or solo masturbation by a child
<u>Category 3</u>	images depicting non-penetrative sexual activity between adults and children
<u>Category 4</u>	images depicting penetrative sexual activity between children and adults.
<u>Category 5</u>	images depicting sadism or bestiality
<u>Category 6</u>	animated or virtual depictions of children engaged in sexual poses or activity

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1.	Gordon (57) [2009] QCA 209	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Access child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(i) Knowingly possess child exploitation material: s 228D (QLD) Code	PG	12m released to recog for 3y 12m released to recog for 3y 12m suspended for 3y	Crown AD	nil	3,290 images of child pornography and 2 images of child abuse found on hard drive of computer Cat 1 - 2,957 images Cat 2 - 87 images Cat 3 - 73 images Cat 4 - 161 Cat 5 - 2 images of sadism Pharmacist married with supportive wife
2.	DPP v D'Alessandro (24) (2010) 26 VR 477 [2010] VSCA 60	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Transmit: s.474.22(1)(a)(iii) Access child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(i) Transmit child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(iii) Possess with intent: s.474.20(1) Possess child abuse material with intent: s.474.23(1)	PG	<u>Total:</u> 2y released immediately to recognisance	Crown AA <u>Total:</u> 3y released to recog after 2y	nil	Exchanged 16,259 images with 44 people – some children depicted only babies – very high criminality

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3.	Burrell (33) [2013] VSCA 146	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Make available: s.474.22(1)(a)(iii) 2 x Access child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(i) Knowingly possess child pornography: s.70 (VIC) <i>Crimes Act</i> 1958	PG (early)	12m 12m 2y 12m <u>Total:</u> 3y 6m NPP 2y 4m (pre discount for guilty plea: 5y 3m NPP 3y 6m)	AD	nil	Downloaded 5,355 images, 816 videos, and 8 documents of child pornography - 7 images and 5 videos of child abuse material – across all categories – shared material – offending covers 12 months – children aged as young as three months 105 images / 9 videos / 1 document – Cat 5
4.	Cook (31-35) [2018] TASCCA 20	Solicit: s.474.22(1)(a)(iv) 5 x Solicit child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(iv) 6 x Cause to be transmitted using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(iii) 2 x Transmit indecent communication to person under 16: s.474.27A(1) Possess child exploitation material: s.130C (TAS) <i>Code</i> Sched: s.474.27A(1)	PG	15m 15m 3m no sentence 4m <u>Total:</u> 15m released to recog after 10m for 2 years	Crown AA 4y NPP 2y 4y NPP 2y 4y NPP 2y 4m (all concurrent)	minor	Committed offences through online chat services over four years – communicated with what he believed were young females aged between 8y and 16y – sexually explicit conversations – requested and sometimes received sexually explicit photos – live streamed himself masturbating – images found in computer Cat 1 – 120 images / 1 video Cat 2 – 12 images Cat 3 – 14 images Cat 4 – 7 images / 1 video Cat 6 – 236 images Repeated conduct – language very explicit and graphic – sought sexual gratification Diagnosed with Aspergers – emotionally immature and socially isolated

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5.	Logue (29) [2020] ACTSC 115 Elkiam J	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A Prepare / plan to engage in sexual act with child outside Australia: s.272.8 / s.272.20	PG (25%)	12m 12m 6m <u>Total:</u> 18m 28d released after 3m for 18m		Nil	Made contact with unknown persons in three countries using Tinder, phone application and internet – circumstances suggest would not have acted on request for sexual activity with young girl – below mid-range – videos of child abuse material found on phone – found in possession of videos of child abuse material, one in Cat 5 and seven in Cat 4 – mid range Prior good character – some insight and remorse – limited risk of re-offending – prospects of rehabilitation
6.	Armstrong (43) [2020] ACTSC 298 Robinson AJ	Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A Access child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(i) Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i)	PG (20%)	13m 6m 6m <u>Total:</u> 18m released after 6m for 12m		nil	66 videos containing child abuse found on computer – accessed material over 15m Cat 1: 22 videos Cat 2: 11 videos Cat 3: 1 videos Cat 4: 31 videos Cat 5: 1 video Suffers social anxiety

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7.	AX (No.3) (23) [2020] ACTSC 334 Burns J	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A Failure to notify change of circumstances under child Sex Offenders legislation Breach suspended sentences	PG (25%)	12m 12m <u>Total:</u> 14m released after 6m for 2y 8m (suspended) 6m <u>Total:</u> 20m released after 12m for 2y		Breached suspended sentence for possession child pornography committed as a juvenile	1,915 files containing child abuse material found on phone – admitted downloading and masturbating to material: Cat 1: 1,471 images – 3 videos Cat 2: 77 images - 8 videos Cat 3: 147 images – 30 videos Cat 4: 107 images - 59 videos Cat 5: 8 images – 1 video Cat 6: 3 images – 1 videos No suggestion possessed for distribution – between low and mid-range seriousness - used five online accounts not reported under registration requirements Developed pornography addiction as a juvenile – Aboriginal male – drug abuse and mental health issues – sexually abused as a child – remorse – reasonable prospects of rehabilitation
8.	Arnould (50) [2020] ACTSC 345 Elkiam J	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A	PG (25%)	9m 9m <u>Total:</u> 9m released after 3m fir 12m		Nil record	Accessed and downloaded 370 images and videos of child abuse material – deleted after viewing – found in possession of child abuse material in computer cache – most images in Cat 1 but some from Cat 4 – medium seriousness Prospects of rehabilitation – some insight

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9.	<p>Ramsay-Feeney (34) [2021] ACTSC 5 Burns J</p> <p>[2022] ACTSC 82 Eliakim J</p>	<p>Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A</p> <p>Access: s.474.19(1)(a)(i)</p> <p>Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i)</p> <p>Access: s.474.22(1)</p> <p>Breach ICO</p>	<p>PG (25%)</p> <p>PG (25%)</p>	<p>9m 12</p> <p>9m 12d (concurrent – already served)</p> <p>9m ICO</p> <p>3y released to recognizance after 16m</p> <p>9m (concurrent)</p>			<p>5,370 files containing child abuse material found on phone – accessed over two years: Cat 1: 4,385 images Cat 2: 364 images Cat 3: 138 images Cat 4: 260 images Cat 5: 21 images Cat 6: 202 images</p> <p>Voluntarily assisted police – mental illness requiring assistance for rehabilitation</p> <p>Mandatory Minimum Term: 4 years</p> <p>Accessed 148 images of child abuse – 95% animated or cartoon – lower end of range – less serious than earlier offence - breached ICO imposed in earlier case</p> <p>Co-operated with police – importance of recognizance to provide assistance in rehabilitation – mental illness issues – mandatory minimum reduced for guilty plea</p>
10.	<p>Cobcroft [2021] ACTSC 15 Murrell CJ</p>	<p>Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i)</p> <p>Access child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(i)</p> <p>Possess child abuse material obtained using carriage service: s.474.22A</p>	<p>PG (25%)</p>	<p>11m</p> <p>11m</p> <p>15m</p> <p>Total: 21m released after 5m for 2y</p>		<p>Nil</p>	<p>Accessed child abuse material using several electronic devices – accessed 147 files over 15m and 564 files over 12m – found in possession of 21,149 files (some duplicates) – all computer generated animations with no real children – very realistic and highly offensive with degraded text – no further distribution</p> <p>Remorse and insight – very good prospects of rehabilitation – bail conditions restricted role as primary carer for child</p>

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11.	Appleby (45) [2021] ACTSC 55 Loukas-Karlsson J	2 x Possess child abuse material obtained using carriage service: s.474.22A Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) 15 x Capture visual data of another person: s.61B(1) (ACT) <i>Crimes Act</i>	PG (25%)	14m 14m <u>Total</u> 2y 1m released after 10m for 2y <u>Total:</u> 11m <u>Total:</u> 2y 9m released after 1y 6m for 2y		nil	Found in possession of images and videos of child abuse material on phone and computer – several thousand videos and hundreds of images (although not all reviewed) – installed and used hidden camera to take photos of people on toilet and in shower of previous and current residence - pre-meditated offences Prospects of rehabilitation
12.	Cardwell (69) [2021] QCA 112	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Access child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(i) Possess child exploitation material: s.228D (QLD) <i>Code</i>	PG	<u>Total</u> 12m release to recog for 2y 15m suspended after 3m for 2y	AD	Nil	Found in possession of child abuse material on lap top and computer – accessed and saved over several months – 520 images found 88% of which in most serious category Prior good character – co-operated with police – steps taken in rehabilitation – support of family and friends – extra-curial punishment of public shaming
13.	Cusak (42 at sentence) [2021] ACTSC 75 Eliakim J	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Access child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(i) Possess child abuse material obtained using carriage service: s.474.22A	PG (25%)	9m 9m 9m <u>Total:</u> 12m released after 2m for 18m		Nil	2,517 files accessed over 5y and kept in possession – well above mid-range Good character – remorse and insight – addressing rehabilitation – depression and suicide risk

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14.	Barber (67 at sentence) [2021] ACTSC 78 Murrell CJ	2 x Access child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(i) Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Possess child abuse material obtained using carriage service: s.474.22A Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Possess child abuse material obtained using carriage service: s.474.22A	PG (25%)	4m / 11m 11m 2y 9m 9m <u>Total:</u> 2y 6m released		nil	Offending during four distinct time periods: s.474.19: 2011 accessed 10 Cat 1 images s.474.19: 2019 s.474.22 / s.474.22A: early 2020 – 4,500 images found on 5 devices – most serious offence Cat 1: 2,226 images / 89 videos Cat 2: 495 images / 46 videos Cat 3: 571 images / 29 videos Cat 4: 700 images / 230 videos Cat 5: 219 images / 5 videos s.474.22 / s.474.22A: late 2020 and on bail for earlier offences – seven cat 1 files Isolated life – significant depression – impact of custody on mental health - remorse
15.	Payne-Moore (32) [2021] ACTSC 125 Loukas-Karlsson J	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Possess child abuse material obtained using carriage service: s.474.22A	PG (20%)	12m 12m <u>Total:</u> 15m released after 4m for 2y		nil	Used two computers to access 7 child abuse material files - stored 137 files on mobile phone and 2 computers over 15m Cat 1: 82 files Cat 2: 7 files Cat 3: 15 files Cat 4: 26 files Cat 5: 7 files Extra curial punishment taken into account

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16.	<p>Hurt (30) [2019] ACTSC 148 Mossop J</p> <p>[2021] ACTSC 241 Mossop J</p> <p>[2022] ACTCA 49</p>	<p>Intentionally possess child exploitation material: s.65 (ACT) <i>Crimes Act</i></p> <p>Distribute child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(iii)</p> <p>Transmit: s.474.22(1)(a)(ii)</p> <p>Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i)</p> <p>Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A</p> <p>Breach bond (s.65 offence)</p>	<p>PG (25%)</p> <p>PG (25%)</p>	<p>15m suspended after 8m for 18m</p> <p>2y recognisance</p> <p>15m</p> <p>15m</p> <p>4y</p> <p><u>Total:</u> 4y 8m NPP 2y 1m</p> <p>7m</p> <p><u>Total:</u> 5y 3m NPP 2y 8m</p>	<p>Crown AA 15m</p> <p>15m</p> <p>4y 6m</p> <p><u>Total:</u> 4y 8m NPP 2y 2m</p> <p>7m</p> <p><u>Total:</u> 5y 3m NPP 2y 9m</p>	<p>Nil relevant</p> <p>Earlier offences – breached bond</p>	<p>Child exploitation material found on two mobile phones – thousands of images and hundreds of videos – mid-range – distribute offences involved sharing one image – low range</p> <p>Alcohol and cannabis abuse – delay in prosecution</p> <p>Mandatory Minimum Term: 4 years (applied to s.474.22A offence only)</p> <p>Within months of being released on bond commenced downloading child abuse material – transmitted to self 357 images and 7 videos from 20 websites – accessed further 104 images – possession offence encompassed material from s.474.22 offences and additional 25 images and 48 videos – mid range – intentional acts - material not held for distribution – committed in breach of bond – specific deterrence important</p> <p>Prospects of rehabilitation guarded</p> <p>On appeal: mandatory minimum term provisions erroneously applied only to 25 photos of s.474.22A offence – applied to all material</p>
17.	<p>Mertell (68) [2022] ACTSC 37 McWilliam AJ</p> <p>[2022] ACTCA 69</p>	<p>7 x Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A</p> <p>2 x Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i)</p>	<p>PG (25%)</p>	<p>9m</p> <p>9m</p> <p><u>Total:</u> 6y 3m NPP 2y</p>	<p>AA 2m / 3m / 5m / 6m / 9m</p> <p>3m / 8m</p> <p><u>Total:</u> 30m released after 12m for 12m</p>	<p>nil</p>	<p>Over 6 months possessed 513 child abuse material files (56 duplicate) across seven devices – 25% Cat 1 and 75% Cat 2</p> <p>ASD diagnosis contributed to obsessive behaviour – socially isolated – prospects of rehabilitation guarded – poor insight</p> <p>On appeal: failure to give adequate weight to totality</p>

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18.	Minson [2022] ACTSC 46 Mossop J	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) 5 x Possess child abuse material obtained using carriage service: s.474.22A 3 x Possess child abuse material obtained using carriage service: s.474.22A	PG (20%)	4y 5m 5y 7m / 4y 5m 2y / 2y 5m <u>Total:</u> 7y 5m NPP 4y 5m		NSW - child pornography offence	Mandatory Minimum Term: 4 years (applied to s.474.22 and 2 x s.474.22A offences) Over 18 days used computer program to access 24 child abuse files – moderate sophistication and deliberate search - found in possession of 2,107 videos and 14,103 images files of child abuse material on five electronic devices – admitted accessing child abuse material over many years – ‘library’ of material but no evidence of further distribution – above mid-range Health issues of wife. Mandatory minimum provisions applied to three of six offences only
19.	Delzotto [2022] NSWCCA 117	Possess child abuse material obtained using carriage service: s.474.22A Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Sched: Access: s.474.19(1)(a)(i) Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i)	PG (30%)	<u>Indicative:</u> 2y 9m 18m <u>Aggregate:</u> 3y 3m NPP 2y 2m	Crown AA <u>Indicative</u> 4y 2m 1y <u>Aggregate:</u> 4y 6m NPP 3y	Qld – aggravated indecent treatment child under 16y	Mandatory Minimum Term: 4 years applied to s.474.22A offence 2,653 files containing child abuse material found on four devices – used carriage service to access 7 files located on laptop – additional offences involved accessing 33 files in 2019 and accessing website containing four written stories describing child abuse material – acted alone – no plans to distribute Major depressive disorder – co-operated with police – sexually abused as a child – isolated socially – extra-curial punishment – prospects of rehabilitation – remorse On appeal: sentence for s.474.22A offence manifestly inadequate – discussion about application of mandatory minimum provisions

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20.	Glasheen [2022] NSWCCA 191	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i)	PG (30% on appeal)	4y NPP 2y 8m	AA 3y 1m NPP 2y 4m	Previous child sexual offences	Mandatory Minimum Term: 4 years Registrable person found in possession of 64 child abuse images: Cat 1 – 30 images Cat 2 – 34 images Rolled up charge – not isolated offending – actual and prepubescent children depicted – oral and penetrative intercourse No genuine remorse – prospects of rehabilitation guarded – limited insight – above average risk of re-offending On appeal: erred in application of discounts under mandatory minimum sentence provisions
21.	Kember (27-32) [2022] ACTSC 153 McCallum CJ [2025] ACTCA 9	2 x Access child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1) s.474.22(1) Use carriage service to procure: s.474.26(1) Use carriage service to transmit indecent communication to child under 16: s.474.27A(1) Possess child abuse material obtained using carriage service: s.474.22A	PG	16m / 10m 8m 6m 3m 6m <u>Total:</u> 3y released after 8m for 2y	AD	nil	Requested and received naked photo from younger sister of partner when complainant aged 13-15y – requested and received photo of exposed breasts from 16y complainant met through cheerleading – significant impact on complainant – accessed Instagram account of younger sister of partner and saved 8 photos of complainant in swimmers – supplied alcohol to 15y complainant at school after receiving promise of oral sex – discussed sexual experience with younger sister of sexual partner over Snapchat – found in possession of material from above offences – mostly Cat 1 and one Cat 2 image – all at lower end of range or below mid-range – not isolated offences Difficult childhood – good prospects of rehabilitation – father suffering with Alzheimer's

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22.	Hutchinson (52 at sentence) [2022] VSCA 217	Access child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(i) Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Possess child abuse material obtained using carriage service: s.474.22A(1)	PG	3y 1y 4y <u>Total:</u> 5y NPP 3y Pre discount for guilty plea: 7y NPP 5y	AD	nil	Found in possession of 317,003 files of child abuse material downloaded from internet over 7y Cat 1: 304,596 images / 906 videos Cat 2: 4,619 images / 410 videos Cat 3: 2,758 images / 87 videos Cat 4: 2,162 images / 676 videos Cat 5: 112 images / 24 videos Cat 6: 613 images / 12 videos Careful organisation of images electronically – objective seriousness very high Plea at first opportunity – good character – physical and mental health issues – good prospects rehabilitation – remorse – difficult childhood – family hardship On appeal: sentence not excessive in view of large number of images
23.	Ferns (27-28) [2022] QSC 220 Davis J	Transmit: s.474.22(1)(a)(iii) Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Solicit: s.474.22(1)(a)(iv) Agg s.474.22: conduct involving 3 or more occasions with 2 or more people: s.474.24A(1) 2 x Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A	PG	10y 8y 4y 15y 8y <u>Total:</u> 15y NPP 8y		nil	Mandatory Minimum Term: 7 years applies to s.474.24A offence Transmitted child abuse material over one month to 17 users – included obscene text conversations – sourced child abuse material over one year and requested material from two different users – found in possession of 198 videos and 118 images – s.474.24A most serious offence – depraved conversations and transmission of material to two other users over two days Difficult childhood – early drug abuse – good work record

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24.	Woods [2023] NSWCCA 37	Solicit: s.474.22(1) Sched: 1 offence	PG	9m, released under recognizance release order	AD	Nil	No actual child victim - police officer with assumed online identity of a 14y old female - offending of short duration - references to sexual activity but not otherwise particularly depraved - sent naked image of self and requested naked image of intended victim - sought to groom by referring to sexual concepts - attempted to conceal offending by asking intended victim to delete messages. Compelling subjective case - long-standing mental health conditions - degree of cognitive impairment - mild intellectual disability, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, Tourette's syndrome, learning and speech difficulties.
25.	Stiller (31-37) [2023] QCA 51	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Sched: Access: s.474.19(1)(a)(i) Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i)	PG	3y 6m NPP 12m	AD	Prior conviction for accessing child pornography – reached recognizance by current offending	Mandatory Minimum Term: 4 years Over 6 years used two computers to access material – accessing moved to downloading – 140 images from Cat 1 found on computer – did not knowingly possess images Remorse – some hope for rehabilitation
26.	Middleton (20) [2023] ACTSC 50 Loukas-Karlsson J	Transmit: s.474.22(1)(a)(iii) Possess child abuse material with intent to commit offence: s.474.23 Sched: Fail to comply with s.3LA order	PG (25%)	21m 18m <u>Total:</u> 3y ICO		Nil	Engaged in conversation over messenger chat about forceful rape of 13y female – found in possession of 220 files of child abuse material with intention to share with others – material violent and depraved – mid-range Exceptional circumstances – undiagnosed ASD reduces moral culpability and deterrence – PTSD from viewing material – remorse – prior good character – good prospects of rehabilitation – low risk of re-offending

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27.	Lazarus [2023] NSWCCA 214	<p>2 x Access child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(i)</p> <p>4 x Cause child pornography to be transmitted through carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(ii)</p> <p>Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A(1)</p> <p>4 x Use carriage service to transmit indecent communication to child under 16: s.474.27A(1)</p> <p>Use carriage service to procure child under 16: s.474.26(1)</p> <p>Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i)</p> <p>Sched: 2 x s.474.27A</p>	PG (25%)	<p><u>Indicative:</u> 22m – 24m</p> <p>15m – 27m</p> <p>18m</p> <p>15m – 22m</p> <p>27m</p> <p>24m</p> <p><u>Aggregate:</u> 6y 6m NPP 3y 9m</p>	AD		<p>Engaged in conduct over 8 years – engaged in sexual conversations online with multiple complainants aged or believed to be aged under 16y – sent to and procured from complainant’s naked photos – sought to procure sexual activity on one occasion – misrepresented himself as school teacher to one complainant – found in possession of multiple Cat 1 and Cat 2 images – extended period of predatory and persistent criminal behaviour – objective seriousness assessed as between lower end of range and slightly above mid-range</p> <p>Remorse, insight and reasonable prospects of rehabilitation – co-operated with authorities – onerous custodial conditions</p> <p>On appeal: found in error in failure to consider impact of mental health issues on deterrence – no lesser sentence warranted</p>
28.	Daniels (pseudonym) (51) [2024] ACTSC 128 Baker J	<p>Use carriage service for child abuse material: s.474.22</p> <p>Act of indecency child under 10y: s.61(1) <i>Crimes Act</i> (ACT)</p>	PG	Non-conviction order 1y GBB		Nil	<p>Grandmother visiting from Nepal gave culturally appropriate massage to 2y granddaughter – uploaded video of child’s genitals to private account on TikTok and sent link only to daughter – unsent message at request of daughter believing it was deleted – identified as child abuse material by TikTok leading to offender’s arrest – not committed for sexual gratification or profit – daughter recognised inappropriateness of image but not otherwise distressed</p> <p>Offender from rural area of Nepal – uneducated and ignorant of Australian law – remorse – non-existent likelihood of re-offending – 2 nights in custody</p>

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29.	Curle (53) [2024] NSWCCA 117	Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A(1) Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Transmit: s.474.22(1)(a)(ii)	PG (25%)	20m 20m 24m <u>Total:</u> 29m released after 21m for 18m recog	AD	Nil	Material found on desktop (619 videos and 40 images), phone (60 images and 384 videos) and SD card (2 videos) – real children aged 2-13y predominantly female - included penetrative intercourse – downloaded 1,333 files over two weeks – transferred 114 files to 11 different recipients over 7 weeks Difficult childhood – receiving treatment for paraphilic disorder – good character – remorse and growing insight – low risk of re-offending – good prospects of rehabilitation On appeal - no error in application of s.19AC and s.16A(2AAA) – not manifestly excessive
30.	Woods (27) [2024] NSWCCA 186	Solicit: s.474.22(1)(a)(iv) Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A Fail to comply with reporting obligations: s 17(1) <i>Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000</i> (NSW)	PG (25%)	<u>Indicative:</u> 3y 3y <u>Aggregate:</u> 4y NPP 2y 6m 12m <u>Total:</u> 5y NPP 3y 5m	AD	Prior child abuse offences – offences committed while on bail for failure to comply with reporting conditions	Met 15y male victim through sister - failed to comply with obligations to report details of a child with whom he had contact, including exchanging contact details with child and attempting to befriend child – requested 'dick pic' from victim and asked victim if he wanted to see offender's dick – police found 80 images and two videos depicting category 1 child abuse material, and seven images depicting category 2 child abuse material on offender's mobile device History of sexual abuse as a child, teenager and young adult – heavy substance abuse – physical and mental health issues

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31.	McGregor (53) [2024] NSWCCA 200	Persistent sexual abuse of child outside Australia: s.272.11 Transmit to self: s.474.22 Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A Intent to procure child sexual activity outside Australia – s.272.14(1) Sched: Use carriage service to transmit indecent communication to child – s.474.27A(1)	PG (30%)	<u>Indicative</u> 5y 10m 2y 9m 4y 2m 4y 10m <u>Aggregate</u> 11y 6m NPP 8y	AA <u>Indicative</u> 5y 7m 2y 9m 4y 4y 6m <u>Aggregate</u> 10y 9m NPP 7y 6m		Facts not stated. Offences over 12-18m period. CCA: Error in application of s.16AAC Mandatory minimum penalty
32.	Heels (32) [2024] VSCA 133 Co-offender: CULLINAN-SMAYLE	20 x Transmit: s.474.22 Cause to be transmitted to self: s.474.22 Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A(1) 2 x Sexual assault on child under 16y: s.49D <i>Crimes Act</i> 4 x Sexual activity in presence of child under 16y: s.49F <i>Crimes Act</i>	PG	<u>Total Cth Offences:</u> 10y NPP 6y 3m <u>Total State Offences:</u> 4y 9m NPP 3y <u>Total:</u> 11y NPP 7y 3m	AA <u>Total Cth Offences:</u> 5y NPP 2y 6m <u>Total State Offences:</u> 4y 6m NPP 3y <u>Total:</u> 8y NPP 5y 6m Pre discount for guilty plea: 10y NPP 5y	Nil	Piano teacher filmed self masturbating in presence of students – touched two male students on clothed back with penis – students unaware of offending – transmitted videos and images – most transmission involved text based child abuse material and predominantly to partner – rolled up charges committed over one month – overlap in offending – found in possession of 574 image files and 246 video files Became involved through partner – prior good character On appeal: individual and total sentences excessive

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33.	Crowder (33) [2024] VSCA 211	Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A(1) Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i)	PG	20m 20m <u>Total:</u> 26m Released after 12m for 3y recog (pre discount for plea: 4y 4m NPP 2y 4m)	AD	Nil	Found in possession of 4,072 unique child abuse images on five devices downloaded over four weeks – 3,826 images and 246 videos – most animations but some depicted real children including sexual penetration and infants under 1 year – deliberately accessed material including using dark web – towards more serious end of spectrum Legal practitioner – born overseas – prior good character – genuine remorse – significant rehabilitation – impact of custody on mental health On appeal: no error in finding only slight reduction in moral culpability for mental health issues caused by abusive sexual relationship with older male who introduced offender to child abuse material and substance abuse five years previously – sentence not manifestly excessive

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34.	Cooper (66) [2024] ACTSC 235 Mossop J	Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A(1) Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Access child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(i) Make available child pornography using carriage service: s.474.19(1)(a)(iii) Solicit: s.474.22(1)(a)(iv) Intentionally possess child exploitation material: s.65 (ACT) <i>Crimes Act</i> Fail to report under s.58A <i>Crimes (Child Sex Offenders) Act (ACT)</i> Breach of bond	PG (30%)	5y 7m 2y 9m 4y 11m 2y 9m 4m 2y 9m 21m 14m 18m <u>Total:</u> 9y 8m 2d NPP 5y 7m		Record for child pornography offences	Mandatory Minimum Term: 4 years Found in possession of over 280,000 files continuing child abuse material – 76,007 unique – 1250 individual children – some files contain very serious sexual conduct – volume and collection of files demonstrate high degree of planning and organisation – personal use and some limited distribution – well above mid-range – accessed and downloaded material over six years – through peer to peer program provided and keys to access child abuse material and solicited videos – degree of sophistication – failed to report user names as required under reporting conditions Breached bond for previous offences – causal relationship between ASD and offending – social isolation and obsessional interests - diagnosed with paedophilic disorder – made substantial admissions to police – prospects of rehabilitation guarded
35.	Bolton (49) [2024] ACTSC 314 McWilliam J	Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A(1) Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i)	PG (20%)	18m 15m <u>Total:</u> 1y 11m Released to recog after 7 weeks		Nil	Found in possession of 536 files – 33 images and 503 videos - depicting actual children, some very young – downloaded 79 files to laptop over four months – duplication of files from Count 1 – personal use – degree of planning – below medium level Prior good character (although limited weight for these offences) – stroke caused significant restriction in movement and disabilities – severe depression

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36.	Meers (35-41 at offences; 42 at sentence) [2025] NSWCCA 27	Transmit: s.474.22(1)(a)(iii) Made available: s.474.22(1)(a)(iii) Solicit: s.474.22(1)(a)(iv) Cause to be transmitted: s.474.22(1)(a)(ii) Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A(1) 4 x Produce child abuse material: s.91H(2) <i>Crimes Act</i>	PG	<u>Indicative</u> 4y 3y 2m 3y 4y 5y <u>Aggregate</u> 6y 6m NPP 3y 7m <u>Aggregate State</u> <u>Offences:</u> 6y NPP 3y 4m <u>Total</u> 9y 10m NPP 6y 10m	AA Sentences not varied, but made partially concurrent.	Nil	Chat conversations via “Telegram” messaging application with seven separate users – transmitted, solicited child abuse material - made available child abuse material by links to other sites - real children depicted, some 2yrs old - high degree of depravity - videos depicting female children forced to perform acts upon themselves or adults; adults engaging in indecent or sexual assaults (featuring rough penile-vaginal or penile-anal sexual intercourse) upon female children - 6,328 video files and 66,236 picture files. Remorse CCA: By wholly accumulating federal sentence on NPP for state offences, total effective sentence manifestly excessive.
37.	Cook (24) [2025] NSWCCA 96	Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i) Transmit: s.474.22(1)(a)(iii) Bestiality: s.79 (NSW) <i>Crimes Act</i> Sched: Possess bestiality material	PG (25%)	<u>Indicative:</u> 2y 9m 2y 9m <u>Aggregate</u> 3y 4m NPP 2y 3y NPP 2y <u>Total</u> 3y 6m NPP 2y 6m	AA <u>Indicative:</u> 2y 9m 2y 6m <u>Aggregate</u> 3y 2m NPP 1y 10m 3y NPP 1y 9m <u>Total</u> 3y 6m NPP 2y 3m	Nil	Female – exchanged images and videos of child abuse material and engaged in online conversations with partner over two years – only one image of a real child - remainder were animations – small number but depraved nature – engaged in penetration with dog Psychiatric issues – remorse - capacity for rehabilitation. On appeal: found agreed facts inconsistent – erroneously sentenced on basis of more than one image of real child

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38.	Lane (52) [2025] NSWCCA 113	<p>Import child abuse material: s.233BAB(5) <i>Customs Act</i></p> <p>Procure child to engage in sexual activity outside Australia: 272.14(1)</p> <p>Procure child to engage in sexual activity outside Australia: 272.14(1)</p> <p>Transmit to self: s.474.22(1)(a)(ii)</p> <p>Solicit: s.474.22(1)(a)(iv)</p> <p>Access: s.474.22(1)(a)(i)</p> <p>Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A(1)</p> <p>Sched: Transmit: s.474.22(1)(iii)</p>	PG (25%)	<p><u>Indicative:</u> 2y 7m</p> <p>3y 10m</p> <p>3y 9m</p> <p>3y</p> <p>2y</p> <p>2y 10m</p> <p>1y 10m</p> <p><u>Aggregate:</u> 7y NPP 4y 3m</p>	<p>AA <u>Indicative:</u> 2y 3m</p> <p>3y 3m</p> <p>3y 3m</p> <p>2y 6m</p> <p>1y 10m</p> <p>2y 6m</p> <p>1y 6m</p> <p><u>Aggregate:</u> 6y NPP 3y 6m</p>	Modest – no sexual offences	<p>On return from Thailand 10 images and 22 videos of children aged 3-9y found on phone – images and online conversations seeking videos and sexual activity with young girls found on two other phones – further offences committed on bail - sexualised conversation with female person purported to be 12-14y – sent 4 images to self and stored 10 images</p> <p>Single male – dysfunctional childhood – history of mental health and substance abuse – schizophrenia impaired judgment - use of stimulants – prospect of rehabilitation guarded – special circumstances</p> <p>On appeal: erred in application of mental health principles</p>
39.	Maloney (24) [2025] NSWCCA 156	<p>Transmit: s.474.22(1)(iii)</p> <p>Possess child abuse material: s.91H(2) (NSW) <i>Crimes Act</i></p>	PG	<p>3y 9m NPP 2y 4m</p> <p>12m</p> <p><u>Total</u> 4y NPP 2y 6m</p>	AD	Assault police, contravene ADVO, destroy of property, steal from dwelling, common assault, stalking or intimidation, reckless wounding. On parole.	<p>Sent 70 graphic images of girls aged 3-8y by phone message to two adult females not known to applicant – children in various stages of undress, in penetrative sexual intercourse with adult males - also transmitted text messages to four adult females describing in extremely graphic terms sexual and physical abuse, torture and killing of babies.</p> <p>Claimed motive was wanting to shock adult victims – was at that time sexually interested in children and demonstrated that interest in barbaric ways.</p> <p>Mental illness – difficult upbringing – remorse - guarded prospects rehabilitation - not planned - reduced understanding of consequences - judgment impaired.</p>

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40.	Hulsman (50) [2025] VSCA 63	Access: s.474.22(1) Transmit and cause to be transmitted: s.474.22(1) Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A(1)	PG	3y 6m 4y 2m 4y 2m <u>Total:</u> 6y NPP 3y 9m	AD	Record for similar although less serious offences – offences committed while subject to CCO and sex offenders reporting obligations	Mandatory Minimum Term: 4 years Viewed video of child abuse material during Zoom meeting – during 12 chats on Messenger transmitted or received child abuse videos – found in possession of 573 unique child abuse files – offences committed over three months – included depiction of penetrative and degrading activity – mid-range seriousness Plea entered at earliest opportunity – co- operated in providing passwords – remorse – difficult childhood, mental health issues and early substance abuse – some reduction in moral culpability – significant risk of re- offending – need for significant rehabilitation assistance
41.	DPP v Bobb (21) [2025] ACTSC 491 Baker J	2 x Use carriage service to procure child under 16: s.474.26(1) Use carriage service to transmit indecent communication to person under 16y: s.474.27A(1) 3 x s.474.22(1) Act of indecency on child under 16y: s.61(2) <i>Crimes Act</i> (ACT)	VG (20% for plea offer)	1y 7m 1y 7m 1y 7m 2y suspended after 12m <u>Total:</u> 3y 1m released after 15m			Made contact with 11y complainant through online dating platform – exchanged multiple messages over one day period seeking to procure sexual activity – sent picture of penis – requested and received pictures of complainant's genital area – arranged meet up in car the following day – sought sexual activity – complainant repeated stressed she was scared and couldn't - touched complainant's vagina through clothing Born in Sierra Leone – Bugmy considerations – mental health issues – hardship on partner and 10m child – remorse – good prospects of rehabilitation

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42.	Noy (18) [2025] ACTSC 93 Christensen AJ	Use carriage service to procure child under 16: s.474.26(1) Transmit: s.474.22(1) Cause to be transmitted: s.474.22(1)	PG (25%)	18m 18m 12m <u>Total:</u> 2y released immediately to 2y recog		Nil	Exchanged messages with 13y complainant over iMessage and Facetime over several weeks – discussed sexual activity – sent and received intimate photos – no threats or inducements Developing insight and remorse – solid prospects of rehabilitation
43.	Cairncross (20-25) [2025] VSCA 117	Cause child pornography to be transmitted using carriage service: s.474.19(1) 3 x Solicit: s.474.22(1) 4 x Cause to be transmitted: s.474.22(1) 2 x Use carriage service to procure child under 16y for sexual activity: s.474.26(1) Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A Sched: One offence	PG	3m 3m, 8m, 9m 5m, 6m, 8m, 2y 6m, 12m 3m <u>Total:</u> 3y 10m NPP 2y 3m (pre discount for plea: 5y 6m NPP 3y 3m)	AD	Nil	Over four years contacted 10 unknown females aged 14-17y via Snapchat – exchanged messages – requested, and in many cases received, child abuse photos of victims in exchanged for money – no threats – unsophisticated but premeditated, predatory and persistent – one victim mentally unwell – execution of search warrant found offender in possession of 208 unique child abuse files – two offences committed after search warrant Genuine remorse – early guilty plea On appeal: at [54]-[78] – consideration of presumption of harm where victims aged 16-17y

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44.	Cullinan-Smayle (32) [2025] VSCA 133	17 x Transmit: s.474.22(1) 2 x Cause to be transmitted: s.474.22(1) 2 x Use carriage service to procure child under 16y for sexual activity: s.474.26(1) Cause child pornography to be transmitted using carriage service: s.474.19(1) Possess child abuse material obtained by carriage service: s.474.22A	PG (25%)	1y 6m – 6y 2y 6m 5y 6m 3y 6m 4y 4y 6y <u>Total:</u> 10y NPP 6y 7m	AA 1y – 6y (sentences for 12 offences reduced) 2y 6m 5y 6m 3y 6m 4y 4y 6y <u>Total:</u> 9y NPP 6y (pre discount for plea: 11y NPP 8y 3m)	nil	Offences committed with intimate partner over several years – exchanged messages with two male youths on social media soliciting photos and sexual activity – sent child abuse material to one victim – exchanged child abuse material with co- offender including videos, images and written descriptions – exchanged photos of known children and discussed perverted sexual desires with co-offender – found in possession of 3,019 images and videos – instigator of many offences Discount included harsh custodial conditions during covid On appeal: parity after successful appeal by co-offender
	Co-offender: HEELS						

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