

judgements about dangerousness, are more likely to be wrong than right in predicting future violent offences, and tend to error on the side of caution causing persons to be incarcerated for longer periods than they should be.<sup>7</sup>

## B. THE VAGUE LANGUAGE

Thus experts agree that determining dangerousness is inherently difficult or even impossible. The vagueness of Bill C-83 makes this determination all the more difficult or impossible, and therefore potentially unjust.

Terms such as 'other evil', 'failure to control his sexual impulses' and 'conduct in any sexual matter' (all from Section 688 b) are too broad. What do they mean? In a study of Bill C-83,

The Globe and Mail writes:

...in defining dangerous offenders -- those who would be sentenced to an indefinite term in prison, surely, next to hanging, the most terrifying sentence a court can give -- language is used so loosely that it is possible to conceive of a person being declared a dangerous offender for seducing more than one 15-year old girl or for exposing himself on more than one occasion.<sup>8</sup>

In fact, a careful reading of the Bill, and a perusal of cases