

New South Wales

# Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Bill 2009

### **Explanatory note**

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

#### Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000 (the Principal Act)*:

- (a) to prohibit the carrying out of forensic procedures on a child who is under the age of 10 years, unless ordered by a Magistrate (or otherwise authorised under the Principal Act) and carried out in accordance with the Principal Act, and
- (b) to require police to inform a volunteer (and, if relevant, the parent or guardian of a volunteer who is a child aged 10 years or more or an incapable person) that a forensic procedure may produce evidence that may be used in court, including evidence that may be used against the volunteer, as part of obtaining the informed consent of the volunteer or parent or guardian of the volunteer, and
- (c) to make it clear that a Magistrate may, in certain circumstances, order that forensic material or information obtained from a volunteer may be retained if either the volunteer, or the parent or guardian of the volunteer, withdraws consent to the retention of that material or information, and

- (d) to provide that forensic material taken, by consent or by order of a Magistrate, from a suspect who is subsequently convicted of an offence must be destroyed if the suspect's conviction is set aside or quashed, unless there is a reasonable prospect of a retrial or rehearing, and
- (e) to limit the use of the DNA profile of a volunteer who is a child aged 10 years or more or incapable person to the purpose for which the DNA profile was placed on the DNA database system and to provide that such a DNA profile must not be matched against any index on the DNA database system, unless otherwise ordered by a Magistrate, and
- (f) to make other minor and consequential amendments.

### Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

**Clause 3** amends the *State Records Regulation 2005* to except proposed sections 81D (2) and 81M (3) from the operation of section 21 of the *State Records Act 1998* so that the requirements to destroy the information specified in those proposed sections prevail over the requirements of that Act.

# Schedule 1 Amendment of Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000 No 59

#### **Destruction of forensic material**

**Schedule 1 [3]** amends section 3 (5) of the Principal Act to make it clear that a person who is required to destroy forensic material must remove any information that relates any DNA profile derived from that material to a person whose DNA it describes from the DNA database system, as well as destroying the material itself.

Currently, section 87 of the Principal Act provides that if a forensic procedure is carried out on a person convicted of an offence and that conviction is quashed, the forensic material taken from that person should be destroyed as soon as practicable after the time limit for an appeal has elapsed. **Schedule 1 [10]** extends the application of that section to suspects who are subsequently convicted of an offence and provides that forensic material obtained from persons to whom that section applies should not be destroyed if there is a reasonable prospect of a retrial or rehearing. The proposed amendment also extends that section to both the quashing and setting aside of convictions.

#### Carrying out of forensic procedures on volunteers

Section 77 of the Principal Act specifies those matters about which a police officer must inform a volunteer, or parent or guardian of a volunteer, in order for that volunteer, or parent or guardian, to give informed consent to the carrying out of a

forensic procedure on a child or an incapable person. **Schedule 1 [6]** makes it clear that a police officer must inform a volunteer, or parent or guardian of a volunteer, that a forensic procedure carried out on the volunteer may produce evidence that may be used in a court of law, including evidence that may be used against the volunteer.

Section 81 of the Principal Act provides that a Magistrate may, in certain circumstances, order that forensic material or information obtained from carrying out a forensic procedure be retained if a volunteer withdraws consent to the retention of that material. **Schedule 1** [7] makes it clear that section 81 of the Principal Act applies whether the withdrawal of consent is made by the volunteer or by a parent or guardian of a child or incapable person who is a volunteer. **Schedule 1** [8] makes a consequential amendment.

#### Carrying out of forensic procedures on persons under 10 years of age

Currently, the Principal Act does not apply to persons under 10 years of age. **Schedule 1 [9]** inserts proposed Part 8A into the Principal Act to prohibit the carrying out of forensic procedures within the meaning of the Act on persons under 10 years of age except in limited circumstances. Proposed section 81A inserts a definition of *child* for the purposes of proposed Part 8A, which means a person under 10 years of age.

Proposed section 81B provides that if the parent or guardian of a child is a suspect in the investigation of an offence in relation to which a forensic procedure is proposed to be carried out, a reference to the parent or guardian of a child in proposed Part 8A is to be read as a reference to firstly a parent or guardian of the child who is not a suspect in relation to the offence or, secondly, the *closest available relative* of the child. That relative must not be a suspect in relation to the offence under investigation, must be available at the relevant time and be at least 18 years of age.

Proposed section 81C authorises the carrying out of a forensic procedure for certain purposes on a child with the informed consent of the parent or guardian of the child or, if that consent cannot be obtained or is withdrawn, by order of a Magistrate under proposed section 81F. The purposes for which a forensic procedure may be carried out are those in relation to certain offences (for example, assault, kidnapping or robbery) of which the child is a victim and to eliminate the child's forensic material from other forensic material found at a crime scene.

Proposed section 81D makes it clear that if the parent or guardian of a child withdraws consent to the carrying out of a forensic procedure, the forensic procedure is to be treated as a forensic procedure for which consent has been refused and the forensic procedure is not to proceed except by order of a Magistrate under proposed section 81F.

Proposed section 81F provides that a Magistrate may order the carrying out of a forensic procedure on a child to investigate an offence, to assist in locating or identifying a missing person or to assist in identifying a deceased person. The Magistrate must take certain matters into consideration in determining whether to make the order. An authorised applicant may apply for such an order in accordance with proposed section 81E.

Proposed sections 81A (4) and 81G–81L apply existing provisions in the Principal Act to a child on whom a forensic procedure is being carried out, including restrictions on who may carry out the forensic procedure, who may be present during the forensic procedure, the recording of the forensic procedure and the making of certain material and information available to the parent or guardian of the child.

Proposed sections 81M and 81N restrict the use and retention of forensic material taken from a child under proposed Part 8A and any information obtained from the analysis of that material. A Magistrate's order is required to retain such material or information if the parent or guardian of the child withdraws consent to the retention of that material or information. **Schedule 1** [1], [2], [4], [5], [11]–[14] and [16]–[21] make amendments consequential on the insertion of proposed Part 8A. **Schedule 1** [22] and [23] insert savings and transitional provisions consequent on the enactment of the proposed Act.

#### Use of DNA profiles of certain volunteers

**Schedule 1** [15] inserts proposed section 93A into the Principal Act to limit the use of the DNA profile of a volunteer who is a child or incapable person to the purpose for which the DNA profile was placed on the DNA database system and to provide that such a DNA profile must not be matched against any index of the DNA database system, unless otherwise ordered by a Magistrate.



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# **Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Bill 2009**

No , 2009

#### A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000* to make further provision with respect to the carrying out of forensic procedures and the use of forensic material and DNA profiles; and for other purposes.

#### Clause 1 Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Bill 2009

| The | Legislature of New South Wales enacts:                                   | 1  |
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| 1   | Name of Act  | 2  |
|     | This Act is the Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Act 2009.         | 3  |
| 2   | Commencement   | 2  |
|     | This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.     | 5  |
| 3   | Amendment of State Records Regulation 2005                               | 6  |
|     | Schedule 2 Provisions excepted from operation of section 21              | 7  |
|     | Insert "sections 81D (2) (Withdrawal of consent) and 81M (3) (Use and    | 8  |
|     | retention of forensic material taken from child under 10 years of age)," | 9  |
|     | after "Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000," under the heading         | 10 |
|     | "Provisions requiring destruction of records".                           | 11 |

| Scł | nedule 1 Amendment of Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000 No 59   | 1 2                  |
|-----|---|----------------------|
| [1] | Section 3 Interpretation  | 3                    |
|     | Omit the note from the definition of <i>child</i> in section 3 (1).   | 4                    |
| [2] | Section 3 (1), definition of "order"  | 5                    |
|     | Omit the definition.  | 6                    |
| [3] | Section 3 (5)   | 7                    |
|     | Omit "any such DNA profile".  | 8                    |
|     | Insert instead "any DNA profile derived from that material".  | 9                    |
| [4] | Part 6 Carrying out forensic procedures on suspects   | 10                   |
|     | Omit the note at the beginning of the Part. Insert instead:   | 11                   |
|     | Note. Some provisions contained in this Part also apply to the carrying   | 12                   |
|     | out of forensic procedures on serious indictable offenders, voluntéers and persons under 10 years of age. See sections 65, 76 (4) and 81A (4).  | 13<br>14             |
| [5] | Section 76 Carrying out of forensic procedures on volunteers  | 15                   |
|     | Insert ", a person under 10 years of age" after "a suspect" in section 76 (1).  | 16                   |
| [6] | Section 77 Informed consent of volunteer or parent or guardian of volunteer   | 17<br>18             |
|     | Insert ", including evidence that may be used against the volunteer" after "court of law" in section 77 $(1)$ $(c)$ .   | 19<br>20             |
| [7] | Section 81 Retention of forensic material by order of Magistrate after withdrawal of consent  | 21<br>22             |
|     | Omit "A Magistrate may order that forensic material taken or information obtained from carrying out a forensic procedure on a volunteer who withdraws consent to the retention of the material" from section 81 (2).  | 23<br>24<br>25       |
|     | Insert instead "If a volunteer, or the parent or guardian of a volunteer, expressly withdraws consent to the retention of forensic material taken from the volunteer or of information obtained from the analysis of that material, a Magistrate may order that such forensic material or information". | 26<br>27<br>28<br>29 |
| [8] | Section 81 (3)  | 30                   |
|     | Omit "carrying out the procedure".  | 31                   |
|     | Insert instead "the analysis of that material".   | 32                   |

| [9] | Part  |         |   | 1                            |
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|     | Inser | t after | section 81:   | 2                            |
|     | Par   | t 8A    | Carrying out of forensic procedures children under 10 years of age  | on 3<br>4                    |
|     | 81A   |         | ring out of forensic procedure on child under 10 years<br>bited except in limited circumstances   | s of age 5                   |
|     |       | (1)     | In this Part, <i>child</i> means a person under 10 years of age   | . 7                          |
|     |       | (2)     | A person is authorised to carry out a forensic procedure of in accordance with this Part and not otherwise.   | on a child 8                 |
|     |       | (3)     | This Part authorises the carrying out of a forensic procede child only in the following circumstances:  | dure on a 10                 |
|     |       |         | (a) if a parent or guardian of the child gives informed to the carrying out of the forensic procedure unde 81C,   |                              |
|     |       |         | (b) if the forensic procedure is carried out on t pursuant to a Magistrate's order under section 81   |                              |
|     |       | (4)     | Sections 44, 48, 49, 52 and 56 (1) apply to the carrying forensic procedure authorised by this Part as if the refer a suspect in those sections were references to a child.   |                              |
|     | 81B   | Refe    | rences to parent or guardian of child under 10 years  | of age 20                    |
|     |       | (1)     | Despite any provision of this Part, if a parent or guard<br>child is a suspect in relation to the offence under investi-<br>relation to which a forensic procedure is proposed to b<br>out on the child, a reference to the parent or guardian of<br>is to be read as a reference to: | gation in 22<br>e carried 23 |
|     |       |         | (a) a parent or guardian of the child who is not a surelation to the offence under investigation, or  | uspect in 26<br>27           |
|     |       |         | (b) if such a parent or guardian is not available—th available relative of the child who is not a su relation to the offence under investigation.   |                              |
|     |       | (2)     | In this Part:   | 31                           |
|     |       |         | <i>closest available relative</i> of a child means one of the f persons who is at least 18 years of age and is available relevant time:   |                              |
|     |       |         | (a) a brother or sister of the child,   | 35                           |
|     |       |         | (b) a grandparent of the child,   | 36                           |

|     |     | (c)                  | an uncle or aunt of the child.   | 1                          |
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| 81C |     |                      | ut of forensic procedures on child under 10 years of age<br>ned consent of parent or guardian  | 2                          |
|     | (1) |                      | section applies to the carrying out of a forensic procedure on ld for the following purposes:  | 4<br>5                     |
|     |     | (a)                  | in relation to the investigation of an offence under Part 3 or Subdivision 2 of Division 1 of Part 4 of the <i>Crimes Act</i> 1900 of which the child is a victim,   | 6<br>7<br>8                |
|     |     | (b)                  | to eliminate the child's forensic material from other forensic material found at a crime scene in relation to an offence.  | 9<br>10<br>11              |
|     | (2) |                      | rson is authorised to carry out a forensic procedure to which section applies:   | 12<br>13                   |
|     |     | (a)                  | with the informed consent of the child's parent or guardian given in accordance with this section, or  | 14<br>15                   |
|     |     | (b)                  | if the informed consent of the parent or guardian of the child cannot be obtained or is withdrawn as referred to in section 81D—by order of a Magistrate under section 81F (1) (a).  | 16<br>17<br>18<br>19       |
|     | (3) | accor<br>the printer | arent or guardian of a child gives informed consent in rdance with this section if the parent or guardian consents in presence of an independent person after a police officer ms the parent or guardian (personally or in writing) of the wing matters: | 20<br>21<br>22<br>23<br>24 |
|     |     | (a)                  | the way in which the forensic procedure is to be carried out,  | 25<br>26                   |
|     |     | (b)                  | the purpose for which the forensic procedure is required,  | 27                         |
|     |     | (c)                  | the offence in relation to which the police officer wants the forensic procedure to be carried out,  | 28<br>29                   |
|     |     | (d)                  | that the child is under no obligation to undergo the forensic procedure,   | 30<br>31                   |
|     |     | (e)                  | that the forensic procedure will be carried out by an appropriately qualified police officer or person,  | 32<br>33                   |
|     |     | (f)                  | that the parent or guardian may consult an Australian legal<br>practitioner of the parent's or guardian's choice before<br>deciding whether or not to consent to the forensic<br>procedure,  | 34<br>35<br>36<br>37       |
|     |     | (g)                  | that the parent or guardian may at any time withdraw consent to the child undergoing the forensic procedure or   | 38<br>39                   |

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|     |      | to the retention of the forensic material taken or of information obtained from the analysis of that material,  | 1                          |
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|     |      | (h) if the police officer intends the information to be placed on the volunteers (limited purposes) index of the DNA database system:   | 3<br>4<br>5                |
|     |      | (i) the purpose for which the information is to be placed<br>on that index and that the information may be used<br>and matched with other indexes, but only for that<br>purpose, and  | 6<br>7<br>8                |
|     |      | (ii) that the information placed on the DNA database system will be removed as soon as is reasonably practicable after a period of 12 months, unless any proceedings for the prosecution of an offence to which the investigation relates have not yet concluded.   | 10<br>11<br>12<br>13<br>14 |
|     | (4)  | The consent of a parent or guardian to the carrying out of a forensic procedure under this section is not effective unless:   | 16<br>17                   |
|     |      | (a) the consent is in writing and in a form containing the particulars prescribed by the regulations, and   | 18<br>19                   |
|     |      | (b) the consent is signed by the parent or guardian, and  | 20                         |
|     |      | (c) the signature is witnessed by an independent person, and  | 21                         |
|     |      | (d) the parent or guardian is given a copy of the consent as soon as practicable after it is signed and witnessed.  | 22<br>23                   |
|     | (5)  | In this section, <i>independent person</i> means a person other than a police officer or other person involved in the investigation of an offence to which the forensic procedure relates.  | 24<br>25<br>26             |
| 81D | With | drawal of consent   | 27                         |
|     | (1)  | If a parent or guardian of a child expressly withdraws consent to<br>the carrying out of a forensic procedure under this Part (or if the<br>withdrawal of such consent can reasonably be inferred from the<br>parent's or guardian's conduct) before or during the carrying out<br>of the forensic procedure: | 28<br>29<br>30<br>31<br>32 |
|     |      | (a) the forensic procedure is to be treated from the time of the withdrawal as a forensic procedure for which consent has been refused, and   | 33<br>34<br>35             |
|     |      | (b) the forensic procedure is not to proceed except by order of a Magistrate under section 81F.   | 36<br>37                   |
|     | (2)  | If, after the carrying out of a forensic procedure under this Part on<br>a child, the parent or guardian of the child expressly withdraws<br>consent to the retention of the forensic material taken or of  | 38<br>39<br>40             |

|     | (3) | forer<br>the n<br>be o<br>without<br>Note. | rmation obtained from the analysis of that material, the nsic material and any information obtained from analysis of material is, subject to any order made under section 81N, to destroyed as soon as practicable after the consent is drawn.  Section 3 (5) explains the meaning of <i>destroy</i> . | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5<br>6<br>7 |
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|     |     | a for                                      | dian of a child who withdraws consent to the carrying out of tensic procedure under this Part to confirm the withdrawal of ent in writing.   | 8<br>9<br>10                    |
| 81E | Арр | licatio                                    | n for order  | 11                              |
|     | (1) |  | authorised applicant may apply to a Magistrate for an order or section 81F.  | 12<br>13                        |
|     | (2) | An a                                       | application must:  | 14                              |
|     |     | (a)  | be made in writing, and  | 15                              |
|     |     | (b)  | specify the type of forensic procedure to be carried out, and  | 16<br>17                        |
|     |     | (c)  | specify the purpose for which the forensic procedure is to be carried out, and   | 18<br>19                        |
|     |     | (d)  | be supported by evidence on oath or by affidavit in relation to the matters which the Magistrate is to take into account, as referred to in section 81F (2), and   | 20<br>21<br>22                  |
|     |     | (e)  | specify whether or not the consent of the parent or guardian of the child has been sought and, if it has, whether that consent was withdrawn or could not be obtained.   | 23<br>24<br>25                  |
| 81F |     |  | nces in which Magistrate may order carrying out of rocedure on child under 10 years of age   | 26<br>27                        |
|     | (1) |  | agistrate may order the carrying out of a forensic procedure child, but only for the following purposes:   | 28<br>29                        |
|     |     | (a)  | to investigate an offence,   | 30                              |
|     |     | (b)  | to assist in locating or identifying a missing person,   | 31                              |
|     |     | (c)  | to assist in identifying a deceased person.  | 32                              |
|     | (2) |  | etermining whether to make an order under this section, the istrate is to take into account the following:   | 33<br>34                        |
|     |     | (a)  | the age of the child,  | 35                              |
|     |     | (b)  | the best interests of the child,   | 36                              |

|     |     | (c)   | so far as can be ascertained, whether the child understands what will be involved in carrying out the forensic procedure and any wishes of the child with respect to whether the forensic procedure should be carried out,  | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4                 |
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|     |     | (d)   | any wishes expressed by the parent or guardian of the child<br>with respect to whether the forensic procedure should be<br>carried out,   | 5<br>6<br>7                      |
|     |     | (e)   | any submissions or evidence presented to the Magistrate<br>by an Australian legal practitioner on behalf of the child,  | 9                                |
|     |     | (f)   | the type of forensic procedure that is proposed to be carried out,  | 10<br>11                         |
|     |     | (g)   | the purpose for which the forensic procedure is required,   | 12                               |
|     |     | (h)   | if the forensic procedure is proposed to be carried out for<br>the purposes of the investigation of a particular offence—<br>the seriousness of the circumstances surrounding the<br>commission of the offence,   | 13<br>14<br>15<br>16             |
|     |     | (i)   | any other matter that the Magistrate considers relevant.  | 17                               |
|     | (3) | An o  | rder under this section may require the forensic procedure to arried out at a time or place specified in the order.   | 18<br>19                         |
| 81G |     | ons w | ho may carry out forensic procedures on children under<br>f age   | 20<br>21                         |
|     | (1) |       | table to section 50 applies to the carrying out of a forensic edure under this Part as follows:   | 22<br>23                         |
|     |     | (a)   | for each forensic procedure specified in the first column of<br>the table, the persons who are authorised to carry out that<br>procedure under this Part are specified in the second<br>column of the table,  | 24<br>25<br>26<br>27             |
|     |     | (b)   | for each forensic procedure, the third column of the table shows whether a parent or guardian of a child is entitled to request that a medical practitioner or dentist of the parent's or guardian's choice is present while the forensic procedure is carried out, as if a reference to a suspect in the heading to that column were a reference to the parent or guardian of the child. | 28<br>29<br>30<br>31<br>32<br>33 |
|     |     |       | <b>Note.</b> Section 81I makes detailed provision for the presence of a medical practitioner or dentist of the parent's or guardian's choice while a forensic procedure is carried out.   | 35<br>36<br>37                   |
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relevant offence.

| (2)            | A person is authorised to carry out a particular forensic procedure if he or she is an appropriately qualified police officer or person in relation to the procedure even if the person also satisfies another description specified in the table to section 50 that is not specified in relation to the particular forensic procedure.  Note. For example, a police officer who is an appropriately qualified police officer or person to take samples of blood may take such samples even though the table does not expressly list police officers as persons who may take samples of blood. | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4<br>5<br>6<br>7<br>8<br>9 |
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| Prese<br>on ch | ence of other people while forensic procedure is carried out nildren under 10 years of age   | 10<br>11                                  |
| (1)            | A parent or guardian of a child, or an Australian legal practitioner representing a child, must, if reasonably practicable, be present while a forensic procedure is carried out on the child.   | 12<br>13<br>14                            |
| (2)            | Where the presence of a police officer is reasonably necessary to ensure that a forensic procedure is carried out effectively and in accordance with this Part, the police officer is (if reasonably practicable) to be a person of the sex chosen by the child or, if the child is unable or does not wish to make such a choice, a person of the same sex as the child.  | 15<br>16<br>17<br>18<br>19<br>20          |
| (3)            | Subsection (2) does not apply to the following forensic procedures:  | 21<br>22                                  |
|                | (a) the taking of hand prints, finger prints, foot prints or toe prints,   | 23<br>24                                  |
|                | (b) any non-intimate forensic procedure that may be carried out without requiring the child to remove any clothing other than his or her overcoat, coat, jacket, gloves, socks, shoes, scarf or hat.   | 25<br>26<br>27<br>28                      |
| Medi<br>may    | cal practitioner or dentist of parent's or guardian's choice<br>be present for some forensic procedures  | 29<br>30                                  |
|                | A medical practitioner or dentist chosen by a parent or guardian of a child pursuant to section 81G (1) (b) is to be present at the forensic procedure unless he or she:   | 31<br>32<br>33                            |
|                | (a) is unable, or does not wish, to attend, or   | 34  |
|                | (b) cannot be contacted,   | 35  |
|                | within a reasonable time or, if relevant, within the time in which<br>the person responsible for the effective carrying out of the<br>forensic procedure considers the forensic procedure should be<br>carried out if it is to be effective in affording evidence of the   | 36<br>37<br>38<br>39                      |

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| 81J | Recording of forensic procedure  |  |                      |  |  |
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|     | (1)  | The carrying out of a forensic procedure under this Part must be recorded by electronic means unless:  | 2                    |  |  |
|     |  | (a) a parent or guardian of the child objects to the recording, or   | 4                    |  |  |
|     |  | (b) the recording is not practicable.  | 5                    |  |  |
|     | (2)  | Subsection (1) does not apply to:  | 6                    |  |  |
|     |  | (a) the taking of a hand print, finger print, foot print or toe print, or  | 7<br>8               |  |  |
|     |  | (b) the taking of a photograph, other than of the child's private parts.   | 9<br>10              |  |  |
|     | (3)  | Before the forensic procedure is carried out, the parent or guardian of the child must be informed:  | 11<br>12             |  |  |
|     |  | (a) of the reasons for recording the carrying out of the forensic procedure, including the protection that the recording provides for the child, and   | 13<br>14<br>15       |  |  |
|     |  | (b) that the parent or guardian of the child may object to the recording.  | 16<br>17             |  |  |
|     | (4)  | If the carrying out of the forensic procedure is not to be recorded<br>by electronic means, the forensic procedure must be carried out<br>in the presence of an independent person.  | 18<br>19<br>20       |  |  |
|     | (5)  | Subsection (4) does not apply if the parent or guardian of the child expressly and voluntarily waives the child's right to have an independent person present, but such a person may nevertheless be present if the investigating police officer so directs. | 21<br>22<br>23<br>24 |  |  |
|     | (6)  | In this section, <i>independent person</i> means a person other than a police officer or other person involved in the investigation of an offence to which the forensic procedure relates.   | 25<br>26<br>27       |  |  |
| 81K | Photographs  |  |                      |  |  |
|     |  | Where a forensic procedure involves the taking of a photograph of a part of a child's body, the investigating police officer concerned must ensure that a copy of the photograph is made available to a parent or guardian of the child.                     | 29<br>30<br>31<br>32 |  |  |
| 81L | Material to be made available to parent or guardian of child under 10 years of age |  |                      |  |  |
|     | (1)  | If material from a sample taken from a child is analysed in relation to the investigation of an offence, the investigating police officer must ensure that, if a parent or guardian of the child so requests in writing:                                     | 35<br>36<br>37<br>38 |  |  |

|     |     | (a) a copy of the child's DNA profile that has been derived from the sample, and   | 2              |
|-----|-----|--|----------------|
|     |     | (b) a statement as to whether or not a match has been found, in relation to the investigation, between the child's DNA profile and any other DNA profile,              | ;              |
|     |     | are made available to the parent or guardian of the child.   | (              |
|     | (2) | The parent or guardian of a child is to be informed of his or her right to make such a request by the investigating police officer.                                    | <del>.</del>   |
|     | (3) | The requirements of subsection (1) need not be complied with in a manner that would, or at a time when to do so would:   | 10             |
|     |     | (a) prejudice the investigation of any offence, or   | 11             |
|     |     | (b) be a source of embarrassment to a victim of any offence.   | 12             |
| 81M |     | and retention of forensic material taken from child under 10 s of age  | 1;<br>14       |
|     | (1) | Any forensic material taken from a child pursuant to this Part must only be used for the purposes for which the carrying out of the forensic procedure was authorised. | 15<br>16<br>17 |
|     | (2) | Any DNA profile derived from forensic material taken from a child:   | 18<br>19       |
|     |     | (a) may be placed on:  | 20             |
|     |     | (i) the volunteers (limited purposes) index, or  | 2              |
|     |     | (ii) the missing persons index, or   | 22             |
|     |     | (iii) the unknown deceased persons index,  | 23             |
|     |     | but must not be placed on any other index, and   | 24             |
|     |     | (b) if placed on an index of the DNA database system, may  | 2              |
|     |     | only be matched with a DNA profile on the same or another index of the DNA database system if the matching   | 26<br>27       |
|     |     | is for a purpose for which the DNA profile of the child was  | 28             |
|     |     | placed on the index of the DNA database system (despite  | 29             |
|     |     | section 93).   | 30             |
|     | (3) | Any forensic material obtained from the carrying out of a forensic procedure must:   | 3 <sup>2</sup> |
|     |     | (a) in the case of forensic material obtained pursuant to  | 33             |
|     |     | section 81C or an order under section 81F (1) (a) or 81N (2)—be destroyed as soon as is reasonably   | 34<br>38       |
|     |     | practicable after a period of 12 months has elapsed since  | 36             |
|     |     | the forensic material was taken, unless any proceedings for  | 37             |
|     |     | the prosecution of an offence to which the investigation   | 38             |
|     |     | relates have not yet concluded, and  | 39             |

|     |   | (b)            | order<br>12 m           | e case of forensic material obtained pursuant to an under section 81F (1) (b) or (c)—be destroyed within onths of being obtained.  n 3 (5) explains the meaning of <b>destroy</b> .  | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4           |  |  |
|-----|---|----------------|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|--|
| 81N | Retention of forensic material by order of a Magistrate after parent or guardian of child under 10 years of age withdraws consent |                |                         |  |                            |  |  |
|     | (1)   |                |                         | sed applicant may apply to a Magistrate for an order ection (2).   | 7<br>8                     |  |  |
|     | (2)   | infor<br>child | mation<br>whos          | ate may order that forensic material taken or a obtained from carrying out a forensic procedure on a see parent or guardian withdraws consent to the of the material be retained if the Magistrate is satisfied                          | 9<br>10<br>11<br>12<br>13  |  |  |
|     |   | (a)            | indic                   | ag an investigation into the commission of a serious table offence material reasonably believed to be from ody of a person who committed the offence had been d:   | 14<br>15<br>16<br>17       |  |  |
|     |   |                | (i)<br>(ii)             | at the scene of the offence, or<br>on the victim of the offence or anything reasonably<br>believed to have been worn or carried by the victim<br>when the offence was committed, or  | 18<br>19<br>20<br>21       |  |  |
|     |   |                | (iii)                   | on the child or anything reasonably believed to have<br>been worn or carried by the child at the scene of the<br>offence or when the offence was committed, or   | 22<br>23<br>24             |  |  |
|     |   |                | (iv)                    | on an object or person reasonably believed to have<br>been associated with the commission of the offence,<br>and   | 25<br>26<br>27             |  |  |
|     |   | (b)            | obtai<br>the c<br>in re | are reasonable grounds to believe that information<br>ned from analysis of the forensic material taken from<br>hild is likely to produce evidence of probative value<br>elation to the serious indictable offence being<br>stigated, and | 28<br>29<br>30<br>31<br>32 |  |  |
|     |   | (c)            |                         | etention of the forensic material taken from the child stified in all the circumstances.   | 33<br>34                   |  |  |

| [10] | Section 87   |     |   |  |                |  |  |
|------|--|-----|---|--|----------------|--|--|
|      | Omit the section. Insert instead:  |     |   |  |                |  |  |
|      | 87   |     |   | on of forensic material taken from offender after<br>n set aside or quashed  | 3 4            |  |  |
|      |  | (1) |   | This section applies if, after a forensic procedure is carried out on a person who is:   |                |  |  |
|      |  |     | (a)   | a suspect who is subsequently convicted of an offence, or  | 7              |  |  |
|      |  |     | (b)   | a serious indictable offender under Part 7, or   | 8              |  |  |
|      |  |     | (c)   | an untested former offender under Part 7A, or  | 9              |  |  |
|      |  |     | (d)   | an untested registrable person under Part 7B,  | 10             |  |  |
|      |  |     | the conviction by virtue of which he or she is such a person (or, if there is more than one such conviction, each of them) is set aside or quashed. |  |                |  |  |
|      |  | (2) |   | If forensic material has been taken from a person to whom this section applies and:  |                |  |  |
|      |  |     | (a)   | no appeal is lodged against the setting aside or quashing of the conviction, or  | 16<br>17       |  |  |
|      |  |     | (b)   | an appeal is lodged and the setting aside or quashing of the conviction is confirmed or the appeal is withdrawn, or  | 18<br>19       |  |  |
|      |  |     | (c)   | there is no reasonable prospect of a retrial or rehearing in connection with the setting aside or quashing of the conviction,  | 20<br>21<br>22 |  |  |
|      |  |     | unles   | forensic material must be destroyed as soon as practicable ss an investigation into, or a proceeding against the person another offence is pending.                                | 23<br>24<br>25 |  |  |
| [11] | Section 90 Definitions   |     |   |  |                |  |  |
|      | Insert "and persons under 10 years of age" after "volunteers" in paragraph (b) of the definition of <i>missing persons index</i> . |     |   |  |                |  |  |
| [12] | Section 90, definition of "volunteers (limited purposes) index"  |     |   |  |                |  |  |
|      | Omit the definition. Insert instead:   |     |   |  |                |  |  |
|      | volunteers (limited purposes) index means an index of DNA profiles derived from:   |     |   |  | 31<br>32       |  |  |
|      |  |     | (a)   | forensic material taken in accordance with Part 8 or under<br>a corresponding law of a participating jurisdiction from<br>volunteers who (or whose parents or guardians) have been | 33<br>34<br>35 |  |  |

|      |       |                |         | informed that information obtained will be used only for a purpose specified to them under section 77 (2) (b) or (c1), or                   | 1<br>2<br>3    |
|------|-------|----------------|---------|---|----------------|
|      |       |                | (b)     | forensic material taken from a person under 10 years of age in accordance with Part 8A.   | 4<br>5         |
| [13] |       | ion 91<br>oses | Supp    | ly of forensic material for DNA database system   | 6<br>7         |
|      |       |                |         | eer in accordance with Part 7, 7A, 7B or 8" from paragraph on of <i>permitted forensic material</i> in section 91 (3).                      | 8<br>9         |
|      |       |                |         | olunteer or a person under 10 years of age in accordance with or 8A".   | 10<br>11       |
| [14] | Sect  | ion 92         | Use o   | f information on DNA database system  | 12             |
|      | Inser | t "81M         | I or" a | fter "section" in section 92 (2) (a).   | 13             |
| [15] | Sect  | ion 93         | A       |   | 14             |
| •    | Inser | t after        | section | 1 93:   | 15             |
|      | 93A   | Use            | of DNA  | A profile of child or incapable person  | 16             |
|      | •••   | (1)            |         | ite any other provision of this Act, if a forensic procedure is   | 17             |
|      |       | (1)            | carrie  | ed out on a volunteer who is a child or incapable person and  | 18             |
|      |       |                |         | IA profile is obtained as a result of that forensic procedure, DNA profile:   | 19<br>20       |
|      |       |                | (a)     | must not be placed on the volunteers (unlimited purposes)   | 20             |
|      |       |                | (u)     | index of the DNA database system, and   | 22             |
|      |       |                | (b)     | must, if placed on an index of the DNA database system, only be used for the purpose for which the DNA profile is placed on that index, and | 23<br>24<br>25 |
|      |       |                | (c)     | must not be matched with any DNA profile on the same or   | 26             |
|      |       |                | (•)     | another index of the DNA database system for any other purpose, unless otherwise ordered by a Magistrate.                                   | 27<br>28       |
|      |       | (2)            |         | termining whether to make an order under subsection (1) (c), Magistrate is to take into account the following:                              | 29<br>30       |
|      |       |                | (a)     | the age of the volunteer,   | 31             |
|      |       |                | (b)     | the best interests of the volunteer,  | 32             |
|      |       |                | (c)     | so far as can be ascertained, whether the volunteer   | 33             |
|      |       |                |         | understands what will be involved in the matching of his or her DNA profile on the DNA database system and any                              | 34<br>35       |
|      |       |                |         | wishes of the volunteer with respect to whether that should   | 36             |
|      |       |                |         | be ordered,   | 37             |

|      | (d)  | any wishes expressed by the parent or guardian of the volunteer with respect to the matching of the volunteer's DNA profile on the DNA database system, | 1<br>2<br>3 |  |  |  |  |
|------|--|---|-------------|--|--|--|--|
|      | (e)  | any submissions or evidence presented to the Magistrate<br>by an Australian legal practitioner on behalf of the<br>volunteer,                           | 4<br>5<br>6 |  |  |  |  |
|      | (f)  | the purpose for which the matching is required,   | 7           |  |  |  |  |
|      | (g)  | any other matter that the Magistrate considers relevant.  | 8           |  |  |  |  |
| [16] | Sections 100 (1), 101 and 102  |   |             |  |  |  |  |
|      | Omit "or voluntee  | er" wherever occurring.   | 10          |  |  |  |  |
|      | Insert instead ", v  | olunteer or person under 10 years of age".  | 11          |  |  |  |  |
| [17] | Section 100 Obligation of investigating police officers relating to recordings   |   |             |  |  |  |  |
|      | Omit "or volunteer" where firstly occurring in section 100 (2).  |   |             |  |  |  |  |
|      | Insert instead ", volunteer or person under 10 years of age".  |   |             |  |  |  |  |
| [18] | Section 100 (2) (a)  |   |             |  |  |  |  |
|      | Omit "suspect's, offender's or volunteer's legal representative".  |   |             |  |  |  |  |
|      | Insert instead "le<br>person under 10 y  | egal representative of the suspect, offender, volunteer or vears of age".   | 18<br>19    |  |  |  |  |
| [19] | Section 101 Material required to be made available to suspect, offender, volunteer or person under 10 years of age             |   |             |  |  |  |  |
|      | Omit "suspect's, section 101 (1) (a  | offender's or volunteer's legal representative (if any)" from ).  | 22<br>23    |  |  |  |  |
|      | Insert instead "leg<br>or person under 1   | gal representative (if any) of the suspect, offender, volunteer 0 years of age".  | 24<br>25    |  |  |  |  |
| [20] | Section 101 (2) (b)  |   |             |  |  |  |  |
|      | Omit "suspect's, representative".  | offender's or volunteer's interview friend or legal   | 27<br>28    |  |  |  |  |
|      | Insert instead "interview friend or legal representative of the suspect, offender, volunteer or person under 10 years of age". |   |             |  |  |  |  |
| [21] | Section 111 Act  | does not apply to persons under 10  | 31          |  |  |  |  |
|      | Omit the section.  |   | 32          |  |  |  |  |

### Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Bill 2009

| Schedule 1 | Amendment | t of Crimos  | (Earoncia E  | Dracadurae) | \ A at | 2000  N | Ja 50 |
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| [22]                                 | Schedule 2 Savings, transitional and other provisions |                        |   |    |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|----|
| Insert at  Schedul Insert aft Part 6 | t at th   | e end of clause 1 (1): | 2   |    |
|                                      |   |                        | Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Act 2009                 | 3  |
| [23]                                 | Sche  | edule                  | 2, Part 6   | 4  |
|                                      | Inser   | t after                | Part 5:   | 5  |
|                                      | Part 6  |                        | Provisions consequent on enactment of                           | 6  |
|                                      |   |                        | Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Amendment                          | 7  |
|                                      |   |                        | Act 2009  | 8  |
|                                      | 13  | Арр                    | lication of Part 8A   | 9  |
|                                      |   |                        | Part 8A applies to a forensic procedure carried out after the   | 10 |
|                                      |   |                        | commencement of that Part and so applies regardless of when the | 11 |
|                                      |   |                        | offence to which the forensic procedure relates was committed.  | 12 |
|                                      | 14  | Exis                   | ting convictions set aside or quashed                           | 13 |
|                                      |   |                        | Section 87, as substituted by the Crimes (Forensic Procedures)  | 14 |
|                                      |   |                        | Amendment Act 2009, extends to a conviction set aside or        | 15 |
|                                      |   |                        | quashed before the commencement of that substitution.           | 16 |