



New South Wales

Surveillance Devices Amendment (Public Interest Exemptions) Bill 2023

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to provide an exemption for the following offences under the *Surveillance Devices Act 2007*—

- (a) the unlawful communication or publication of a private conversation or recording of an activity obtained by the use of an unlawful surveillance device, if the communication or publication is in the public interest,
- (b) the unlawful possession of a record of a private conversation or activity obtained by the use of an unlawful surveillance device, if the record is in a person's possession for the purposes of making a communication or publication in the public interest.

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 the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Schedule 1 **Amendment of Surveillance Devices Act 2007 No 64**

Schedule 1 gives effect to the overview of the Bill.