



New South Wales

Crimes and Roads Legislation Amendment (Obstruction Offences Repeals) Bill 2025

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend crimes and roads legislation to abolish certain offences for behaviour that causes damage or disruption to major roads, major public facilities or places of worship.

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.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Roads Act 1993 No 33

Schedule 1 amends the *Roads Act 1993* to abolish the offence for a person to enter, remain on, climb, jump from or otherwise trespass on a major road if the conduct—

- (a) causes damage to the road, or
- (b) seriously disrupts or obstructs vehicles or pedestrians attempting to use the road.

Schedule 1 also amends the offence of trespassing on the Sydney Harbour Bridge or another major bridge or tunnel if the conduct causes damage to the bridge or tunnel to limit the offence to conduct that causes substantial damage to the bridge or tunnel.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Roads Regulation 2018

Schedule 2 makes consequential amendments to the *Roads Regulation 2018*.

Schedule 3 Amendment of Crimes Act 1900 No 40

Schedule 3[1] and [2] provide that the maximum penalty for the offence of obstructing a railway is 200 penalty units or 2 years imprisonment.

Schedule 3[3] repeals Part 4AF, abolishing offences that made it unlawful for a person to—

- (a) enter, remain on or near, climb, jump from or otherwise trespass on or block entry to any part of a major facility if the conduct caused certain damage or serious disruptions, or
- (b) intentionally block, impede or hinder a person accessing or leaving a place of worship or to harass, intimidate or threaten a person accessing or leaving a place of worship.

Schedule 4 Amendment of Crimes Regulation 2020

Schedule 4 makes consequential amendments to the *Crimes Regulation 2020*.

Schedule 5 Amendment of Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 No 103

Schedule 5 amends the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002* to remove a police officer's power to issue directions in relation to a demonstration, protest, procession or assembly occurring in or near a place of worship.