



New South Wales

Summary Offences Amendment (Limitation on Offensive Language) 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 the *Summary Offences Act 1988* to limit the scope of the offence of offensive language to require the offensive language to be used in a hostile or threatening way.

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 Summary Offences Act 1988 No 25

Schedule 1 amends the offence of offensive language to require the offensive language to be used in a hostile or threatening way.