



New South Wales

Crimes Legislation Amendment (War Memorial Offences) 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 *Crimes Act 1900* and the *Summary Offences Act 1988* regarding offences committed in relation to war memorials.

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 Crimes Act 1900 No 40

Schedule 1[1] makes it an offence to intentionally or recklessly destroy or damage property that is a war memorial with a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 7 years. **Schedule 1[2]** makes a consequential amendment.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Summary Offences Act 1988 No 25

Schedule 2 authorises the court to order a person convicted of an offence of damaging or defacing a protected place that is a war memorial to pay compensation to the person who has control or management of the war memorial. The compensation that may be ordered—

- (a) is for the damage or defacement caused by, or a loss incurred as a result of, the offence, and
- (b) cannot be more than \$4,400, and

- (c) is in addition to any fine or other penalty imposed for the offence.