



New South Wales

Summary Offences Amendment (Police 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 maintain the amenity and solemn nature of memorials to police officers.

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 Summary Offences Act 1988 No 25**

Schedule 1[1] defines *police memorial* for the *Summary Offences Act 1988 (the Act)*, section 8.

The Act, section 8(2) makes it an offence for a person to wilfully damage or deface a protected place. **Schedule 1[2]** clarifies that a police memorial is a protected place.

Schedule 1[3] makes it an offence under the Act, section 8(3) for a person to commit a nuisance or an offensive or indecent act in, on or in connection with a police memorial.



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This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly



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No. _____, 2025

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Summary Offences Act 1988* in relation to damaging or desecrating memorials to police officers.

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.

Legislative Council

Clerk of the Parliaments

Tabling copy

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—

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1 Name of Act

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This Act is the *Summary Offences Amendment (Police Memorial Offences) Act 2025*.

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2 Commencement

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This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

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Schedule 1	Amendment of Summary Offences Act 1988 No 25	1
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[1] Section 8 Damaging or desecrating protected places		3
Insert in alphabetical order in section 8(1)—		4
<i>police memorial</i> means a memorial, erected in a public place by or on behalf of a local council or an authority of the State or another jurisdiction, to police officers.		5 6 7
[2] Section 8(1), definition of “protected place”		8
Insert “, a police memorial” after “war memorial”.		9
[3] Section 8(3)		10
Insert “, police memorial” after “war memorial”.		11