



New South Wales

Local Government and Other Legislation Amendment (Places of Public Worship) Bill 2026

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are—

- (a) to amend the *Local Government Act 1993* to increase the maximum penalty for a failure to comply with certain orders given under that Act, section 124, and
- (b) to amend the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021* to—
 - (i) prescribe places of public worship as development that may be subject to a utilities order under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, Schedule 5, clause 35(1)(b), and
 - (ii) increase the amount payable for a penalty notice issued for failing to comply with certain orders given under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

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 Local Government Act 1993 No 30

Schedule 1 amends section 628(1A) to increase the maximum penalty for a failure to comply with certain orders given under section 124.

Schedule 2 Amendment of Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021

Schedule 2[1] amends section 282(1) to prescribe places of public worship as development that may be subject to a utilities order under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, Schedule 5, clause 35(1)(b).

Schedule 2[2] increases the maximum penalty for certain orders issued under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.



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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. _____, 2026

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Local Government Act 1993* to increase the maximum penalty for a failure to comply with certain orders given in relation to the use of premises; and for related purposes.

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 *Local Government and Other Legislation Amendment (Places of Public Worship) Act 2026*.

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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 Local Government Act 1993 No 30

Section 628 Failure to comply with order

Omit section 628(1A), penalty. Insert instead—

Maximum penalty—

- (a) for an individual—1,000 penalty units, or
- (b) otherwise—2,000 penalty units.

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Schedule 2 Amendment of Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 1
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[1] Section 282 Enforcement of orders by cessation of utilities 3

Omit section 282(1). Insert instead— 4

(1) The following development is prescribed for the Act, Schedule 5, clause 35(1)(b)— 5
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(a) backpackers' accommodation, 7

(b) boarding houses, 8

(c) places of public worship. 9

[2] Schedule 5 Penalty notice offences 10

Omit the matter relating to section 9.37 from the table under the heading **Offences under the Act.** 11
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Insert instead— 13

Section 9.37 for failure to comply with development control order, except an order referred to in the Act, Schedule 5, Part 1, item 6, 10, 12 or 13	\$6,000	\$12,000
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