



New South Wales

Crimes Amendment (Countering Violent Extremism) Bill 2026

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to—

- (a) amend the *Crimes Act 1900* to create certain offences that deal with violent extremism, and
- (b) amend the *Children's Guardian Act 2009* to make provision for the reporting of employees to employers if the employee has carried out offences in relation to violent extremism involving children.

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 Crimes Act 1900 No 40

Schedule 1[1] creates the following offences under the *Crimes Act 1900*—

- (a) under proposed section 310M—an offence in relation to the grooming of persons to carry out or assist in carrying out violent extremism with a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 5 years,
- (b) under proposed section 310N—an offence in relation to the recruiting of persons to carry out or assist in carrying out violent extremism with a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 5 years,

- (c) under proposed section 310O—an offence in relation to coercing, threatening or deceiving persons into carrying out or assisting in carrying out violent extremism with a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 7 years,
- (d) under proposed sections 310P, 310Q and 310R—aggravated offences for each offence under paragraphs (a)–(c) if an adult carries out the offence in the circumstances in which the other person is a child.

Schedule 1[2] makes an amendment to require the Minister to review the proposed offences set out under Schedule 1[1].

Schedule 2 Amendment of Children’s Guardian Act 2019 No 25

Schedule 2 proposes the inclusion of the offences against proposed sections 310P, 310Q and 310R under Schedule 1[1] as reportable conduct of a person that in certain circumstances must be reported to the person’s employer or may be reported to the person’s employer or the Children’s Guardian.



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

Legislative Council

Clerk of the Parliaments



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No. _____, 2026

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1900* to create certain offences dealing with violent extremism; to amend the *Children's Guardian Act 2019* to include mandatory reporting of offences relating to violent extremism; and for other related purposes.

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

Legislative Assembly

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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 *Crimes Amendment (Countering Violent Extremism) 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 Crimes Act 1900 No 40	1
[1] Part 6C		2
	Insert after Part 6B—	3
	Part 6C Violent extremism	4
310L	Definitions	5
	In this part—	6
	<i>act</i> includes any form of communication, conduct and distribution or dissemination of any matter.	7 8
	<i>adult</i> means a person who is at least 18 years of age.	9
	<i>child</i> means a person who is less than 18 years of age.	10
	<i>recruit</i> means counsel, procure, solicit, incite or induce.	11
	<i>support</i> includes facilitate, fund, contribute to, encourage, promote and glorify.	12 13
	<i>violent extremism</i> means an act of violence, or an act supporting the use of violence—	14 15
	(a) to achieve social, political or legal outcomes, or	16
	(b) in response to specified political or social grievances.	17
	<i>violent extremist material</i> means a document that a reasonable person would consider to be—	18 19
	(a) supporting, or seeking support for, the carrying out of violent extremism, or	20 21
	(b) advocating for or justifying the carrying out of violent extremism, or	22
	(c) instructing on the carrying out of violent extremism.	23
310M	Grooming persons to carry out violent extremism	24
	An adult is guilty of an offence if—	25
	(a) the adult—	26
	(i) engages in conduct that exposes another person to violent extremist material, or	27 28
	(ii) provides another person with a financial benefit or other material benefit, and	29 30
	(b) the adult intends the other person to carry out or assist in carrying out violent extremism.	31 32
	Maximum penalty—Imprisonment for 5 years.	33
310N	Recruiting persons to carry out violent extremism	34
	An adult is guilty of an offence if the adult recruits another person to carry out or assist in carrying out violent extremism.	35 36
	Maximum penalty—Imprisonment for 5 years.	37
310O	Coercing, threatening or deceiving persons to carry out violent extremism	38
	An adult is guilty of an offence if the adult coerces, threatens or deceives another person into carrying out or assisting in carrying out violent extremism.	39 40
	Maximum penalty—Imprisonment for 7 years.	41

310P	Aggravated offence—grooming children to carry out violent extremism	1
(1)	An adult is guilty of an offence if the adult commits an offence against section 310M in the circumstances in which the other person is a child. Maximum penalty—Imprisonment for 7 years.	2 3 4
(2)	If on the trial of an adult for an offence against this section the jury is not satisfied that the accused is guilty of the offence charged, but is satisfied on the evidence that the accused is guilty of an offence under section 310M, it may find the accused guilty of the offence under section 310M and the accused is liable to punishment accordingly.	5 6 7 8 9
310Q	Aggravated offence—recruiting children to carry out violent extremism	10
(1)	An adult is guilty of an offence if the adult commits an offence against section 310N in the circumstances in which the other person is a child. Maximum penalty—Imprisonment for 7 years.	11 12 13
(2)	If on the trial of an adult for an offence against this section the jury is not satisfied that the accused is guilty of the offence charged, but is satisfied on the evidence that the accused is guilty of an offence under section 310N, it may find the accused guilty of the offence under section 310N and the accused is liable to punishment accordingly.	14 15 16 17 18
310R	Aggravated offence—coercing, threatening or deceiving children to carry out violent extremism	19 20
(1)	An adult is guilty of an offence if the adult commits an offence against section 310O in the circumstances in which the other person is a child. Maximum penalty—Imprisonment for 10 years.	21 22 23
(2)	If on the trial of an adult for an offence against this section the jury is not satisfied that the accused is guilty of the offence charged, but is satisfied on the evidence that the accused is guilty of an offence under section 310O, it may find the accused guilty of the offence under section 310O and the accused is liable to punishment accordingly.	24 25 26 27 28
[2]	Schedule 11 Savings, transitional and other provisions	29
	Insert at the end of the schedule, with appropriate part and clause numbering—	30
Part	Crimes Amendment (Countering Violent Extremism) Act 2026	31 32
	Review of operations of amendments made by amendment Act	33
(1)	The Minister must review the operation of the amendments made by the amendment Act to determine whether—	34 35
(a)	the policy objectives of the amendments remain valid, and	36
(b)	the terms of the amendments remain appropriate for securing the objectives.	37 38
(2)	The review must be undertaken as soon as possible after the period of 2 years from the commencement of the amendment Act.	39 40
(3)	A report on the outcome of the review must be tabled in each House of Parliament no later than 6 months after the end of the period of 2 years from the commencement of the amendment Act.	41 42 43
(4)	In this clause—	44

amendment Act means the *Crimes Amendment (Countering Violent Extremism) Act 2026*.

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**Schedule 2 Amendment of Children's Guardian Act 2019 No
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Section 20 Meaning of "reportable conduct"

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Insert after section 20(f)—

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(f1) an offence under the *Crimes Act 1900*, section 310P, 310Q or 310R,

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