

**Criminal Appeal Amendment (Jury  
Verdicts) Bill 2004**  
New South Wales

**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 *Criminal Appeal Act 1912* (the **Principal Act**) with respect to appeals against jury verdicts.

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.

**Clause 3** is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the Principal Act set out in Schedule 1.

**Schedule 1 Amendments**

**Schedule 1 [1]** inserts proposed section 6AAA into the Principal Act which provides that the court may only grant an appeal against the verdict of a jury on grounds of miscarriage of justice arising from prejudicial material being published or broadcast in relation to the case where the court is satisfied that a juror had read, seen or heard the prejudicial material relating to the case and was influenced by the material.

**Schedule 1 [2]** inserts a transitional provision which provides that the proposed amendment does not apply to appeals the hearing of which commenced before the commencement of the proposed Act.