

Child Protection (Nicole's Law) Bill 2009

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to require the Commissioner of Police to publish certain information contained in the Child Protection Register established under section 19 of the *Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000*, and
- (b) to ensure that the publishing of information does not enable the identity of victims of registrable offences to be ascertained.

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.

Clause 3 provides that the proposed Act is to be read as if it formed part of the *Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000*.

Clause 4 defines the term ***publishable information*** used in the proposed Act.

Clause 5 provides that the Commissioner of Police must publish certain information in respect of known sex offenders and details the information that must be published and the manner in which it must be published.

Clause 6 restricts the information that may be published by the Commissioner of Police so as to ensure that the identity of protected witnesses and victims of registrable offences is not made public.

Clause 7 provides that when a registrable person ceases to be subject to reporting obligations under the *Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000*, the Commissioner of Police must withdraw from publication any information relating to that person.

Schedule 1 Consequential amendments to Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000 No 42

Schedule 1 [1] amends the *Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000* so as to include details of a registrable person's physical appearance including race, gender and a photograph to that which must be provided as relevant personal information.

Schedule 1 [2] and [3] make minor consequential amendments to the *Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000*.