

Crimes Amendment (Grievous Bodily Harm) Bill 2010

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 *Crimes Act 1900* to ensure that offences under that Act relating to the infliction of grievous bodily harm extend to the destruction by a person (other than in the course of a medical procedure) of a child in utero. The proposed amendment extends the application to any form of human life in the embryonic stage. Such offences currently apply to human life in the foetal or later stages.

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 amends the definition of ***Grievous bodily harm*** in section 4 of the *Crimes Act 1900* to give effect to the object set out in the Overview above.