

New South Wales

Crimes and Courts Legislation Amendment Bill 2013

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are as follows:

- (a) to amend the *Coroners Act 2009* with respect to the membership and functions of the Domestic Violence Death Review Team constituted under that Act,
- (b) to amend the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001* to clarify the time within which a prosecutor may appeal against a costs order and when a defendant may apply for the annulment of a conviction or sentence made or imposed by the Local Court,
- (c) to amend the *Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000* to include the taking of certain measurements of a person as a non-intimate forensic procedure,
- (d) to amend the *Crimes (Sentencing Procedure)* Act 1999 to provide that an order varying a licence or privilege is a penalty in respect of which proceedings may be reopened and a conviction or order corrected,
- (e) to amend the *Criminal Procedure Act 1986* with respect to the giving of evidence by victims of certain offences under the *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007*,
- (f) to amend the *Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985* and *Drug Misuse and Trafficking Regulation 2011* to prohibit the possession of drug encapsulators or unique parts of drug encapsulators or tablet presses,
- (g) to amend the *Evidence Act 1995* with respect to the compellability of a spouse or de facto partner to give evidence in respect of proceedings for domestic violence or child assault offences,

- (h) to amend the *Justices of the Peace Act 2002* to allow justices of the peace to certify true and accurate copies of documents,
- (i) to amend the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 and Minors (Property and Contracts) Act 1970 to increase the jurisdictional limits of the Local Court and District Court under those Acts,
- (j) to amend the *Local Court Act 2007* to remove a limitation on the jurisdiction of the Local Court in relation to goods that are subject of a hire-purchase agreement and certain other goods,
- (k) to amend the *Oaths Act 1900* to make provision with respect to the taking of statutory declarations by persons who are unable to understand written English, the taking of oaths or statutory declarations for the purposes of laws and courts in jurisdictions other than New South Wales and the taking of affidavits made by more than one person,
- (1) to amend the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) (New South Wales) Act 1987* with respect to keeping records under that Act,
- (m) to amend the *Young Offenders Act 1997* and *Young Offenders Regulation 2010* to allow for the disclosure of certain records to the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Institute of Criminology.

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 makes it clear that the explanatory notes contained in the Schedules do not form part of the proposed Act.

Schedules 1–16 make the amendments described in the Overview above. The amendments are explained in detail in the explanatory notes set out in the Schedules that relate to the Act or Regulation concerned.



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No , 2013

A Bill for

An Act to make miscellaneous amendments to certain legislation with respect to crimes, courts, civil and criminal procedure, justices of the peace, oaths and statutory declarations and to effect minor statute law revision.

The	Legislature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1	Name of Act	2
	This Act is the Crimes and Courts Legislation Amendment Act 2013.	3
2	Commencement	4
	This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	5
3	Explanatory notes	6
	The matter appearing under the heading "Explanatory note" in a Schedule does not form part of this Act.	7 8

Scł	nedule 1	A	Amendment of Coroners Act 2009 No 41	1
[1]	Section 10	1B Int	erpretation	2
	Omit the de	efinitio	on of domestic violence death from section 101B (1). Insert instead:	3
			estic violence death means the death of a person caused directly or ectly by a person (the perpetrator) where, at the time of the death:	4 5
		(a)	the deceased person was in a domestic relationship with the perpetrator and the death occurred in the context of domestic violence, or	6 7
		(b)	the deceased person was in a domestic relationship with a person who was or had been in a domestic relationship with the perpetrator and the death occurred in the context of domestic violence, or	8 9 10
		(c)	the perpetrator mistakenly believed that the deceased person was in a domestic relationship with a person who was or had been in a domestic relationship with the perpetrator and the death occurred in the context of domestic violence, or	11 12 13 14
		(d)	the deceased person was a witness to or present at, or attempted to intervene in, domestic violence between the perpetrator and a person who was or had been in a domestic relationship with the perpetrator.	15 16 17
[2]	Section 10	1C Me	eaning of "domestic relationship"	18
	Omit "a dec	ceased	person" wherever occurring. Insert instead "another person".	19
[3]	Section 10	1C		20
	Omit "the d	lecease	ed person" wherever occurring. Insert instead "the other person".	21
[4]	Section 10	1C (1)	(d)	22
• •			have been previous episodes of domestic violence between them".	23
[5]	Section 10	1E Me	embers of Team	24
[-]			E (3). Insert instead:	25
	(3)		Team is to include representatives of each of the following:	26
	(3)	(a)	the Department of Family and Community Services,	27
		(b)	NSW Health,	28
		(c)	the NSW Police Force,	29
		(d)	the Department of Education and Communities,	30
		(e)	the Department of Attorney General and Justice,	31
		(f)	Community Services, within the Department of Family and Community Services,	32 33
		(g)	Aboriginal Affairs, within the Department of Education and Communities,	34 35
		(h)	Housing NSW, within the Department of Family and Community Services,	36 37
		(i)	Juvenile Justice NSW, within the Department of Attorney General and Justice,	38 39
		(j)	Ageing, Disability and Home Care, within the Department of Family and Community Services.	40 41

	(K)	Services,	1 2
	(1)	Corrective Services NSW, within the Department of Attorney General and Justice.	3
[6]	Section 101M Co	onfidentiality of information	5
	Omit "Human Se	rvices" from section 101M (1) (c) (ii).	6
	Insert instead "Fa	mily and Community Services".	7
	Explanatory note		8
	violence death for Team in two respective death must be indeaths of persons with mistakenly believed who was in a dome violence context. Ite	osed amendments to the <i>Coroners Act 2009</i> replaces the definition of <i>domestic</i> the purposes of investigations of deaths by the Domestic Violence Death Review its. First, where the deceased was in a domestic relationship with the perpetrator, in the context of domestic violence. Second, the definition is expanded to include who were bystanders to the domestic violence or who were the new partner (or by the perpetrator to be the new partner) or who were a relative or kin of a person estic relationship with the perpetrator, where the death occurred in a domestic tems [2] and [3] make consequential amendments to the definition of <i>domestic</i> tion 101C of that Act.	10 11 12 13 14 15 16
	by the Domestic \ perpetrators to rem	e definition of domestic relationship for the purposes of investigations of deaths /iolence Death Review Team as it applies to persons who are relatives of ove the qualification that there must have been previous episodes of domestic ne person and the perpetrator.	18 19 20 21
	change in names fo	ne list of members of the Domestic Violence Death Review Team to reflect the or certain positions and Departments and to include a representative of Corrective member of the team.	22 23 24
	Item [6] undates a	reference to the Department of Family and Community Services	25

Scł	nedule 2		Amendment of Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001 No 120	1
[1]	Section 4	Applic	ations to Local Court	3
	Omit section	n 4 (1). Insert instead:	4
	(1)	the L	application for annulment of a conviction or sentence made or imposed by Local Court may be made to the Local Court sitting at the place at which original Local Court proceedings were held.	5 6 7
	(1A)		application may be made by the defendant or by the prosecutor. However, application by the defendant may be made only if:	8
		(a)	in the case of an application for an annulment of a conviction—the defendant was not in appearance before the Local Court when the conviction was made, or	10 11 12
		(b)	in the case of an application for an annulment of a sentence—the defendant was not in appearance before the Local Court when the sentence was imposed.	13 14 15
	(1B)	sente unde	efendant may not make an application for annulment of a conviction or ence under this section if the defendant had lodged a notice in writing or section 182 of the <i>Criminal Procedure Act 1986</i> in respect of the offence which the defendant was convicted or the sentence was imposed.	16 17 18 19
[2]	Section 23	Appe	als as of right	20
	Omit sectio	n 23 (3). Insert instead:	21
	(3)		ppeal against a sentence or an order for costs must be made within 28 days the relevant sentence is imposed or the order for costs is made.	22 23
	Explanatory	note	•	24
	that an application the defendar The propose	cation f nt was i d ame	cosed amendments to the <i>Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001</i> makes it clear for the annulment of a conviction or sentence by a defendant may only be made if not in appearance when the conviction was made or the sentence was imposed. Indicate that a defendant is not able to make such an application if odged a written plea in relation to the proceedings.	25 26 27 28 29
	Item [2] make making of the		lear that appeal against an order for costs must be made within 28 days of the :	30 31

Schedule 3	Amendment of C 2000 No 59	Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act	1
Section 3 In	pretation		3
Omit paragra	(j) of the definition of n	on-intimate forensic procedure in section 3 (1).	4
Insert instead			5
		ement of a person's body or any part of a person's person's private parts) whether or not involving the n's body.	6 7 8
Explanatory r	9	•	9
taking of meas parts) is a non or Magistrate proposed ame	ements of the whole or any timate forensic procedure ne person has been asked	Forensic Procedures) Act 2000 makes it clear that the part of a person's body (other than the person's private that may be carried out by order of a senior police officer to consent the procedure and has not consented. The irrement that the taking of such measurements must be	10 11 12 13 14

Schedule 4	Amendment of Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 No 92	1 2
Section 43 (Court may reopen proceedings to correct sentencing errors	3
Omit "or su section 43 (6	spension" from paragraph (e) of the definition of <i>impose a penalty</i> in).	4 5
Insert instead	1", suspension or variation".	6
Explanatory r	note	7
may reopen p privilege (such	amendment to the <i>Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999</i> makes it clear that a court proceedings to correct an order or direction relating to the variation of a licence or as the variation of a driver licence pursuant to a driver licence order under section 13C <i>Control Act 2008</i>).	8 9 10 11

Schedule 5	Amendment of Criminal Procedure Act 1986 No 209	1
Section306N	1 Definitions	3
Insert after pa	aragraph (d) of the definition of <i>personal assault offence</i> in section 306M (1):	4
(an offence under section 13 or 14 of the <i>Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act</i> 2007,	5 6
Explanatory r	ote	7
Crimes (Dom contravention Part 6 of Chap	amendment to the <i>Criminal Procedure Act 1986</i> includes certain offences under the estic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 relating to stalking, intimidation or the of an apprehended violence order as personal assault offences for the purposes of ster 6 of the <i>Criminal Procedure Act 1986</i> . That Part provides special rules relating to evidence by vulnerable persons in certain proceedings relating to personal assault	8 9 10 11 12 13

Scł	nedule 6	Amendment of Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985 No 226	1
[1]	Section 3 [Definitions	3
	Insert in alp	phabetical order in section 3 (1):	4
		<i>drug encapsulator</i> means a device that is capable of being used to produce a prohibited drug in a capsule or similar form, and includes a unique part of any such device.	5 6
		<i>tablet press</i> means a device that is capable of being used to produce a prohibited drug in a pill, tablet or other similar form, and includes a unique part of such a device.	8 9 10
[2]	Section 11	B Possession of tablet press or drug encapsulator	11
	Omit "table from section	et press that is capable of being used to produce a prohibited drug in tablet form" n 11B (1).	12 13
	Insert instea	ad "tablet press or drug encapsulator".	14
[3]	Section 11	B (2)	15
	Omit "table	et press" wherever occurring. Insert instead "tablet press or drug encapsulator".	16
[4]	Section 11	B (2) (a)	17
	Omit "to pr	roduce tablets".	18
	Explanatory	note	19
	offence to po in a pill, table	ad amendments to the <i>Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985</i> make it clear that it is an assess a <i>tablet press</i> (a device that is capable of being used to produce a prohibited drug et or other similar form) or a <i>drug encapsulator</i> (a device that is capable of being used prohibited drug in a capsule or similar form) including any unique part of such a press or f.	20 21 22 23 24

Schedule 7	Amendment of Drug Misuse and Trafficking Regulation 2011	1
Schedule 3	Drug manufacture or production apparatus—section 24A and clause 7	3
Omit "Pill o	or tablet press (whether manual or mechanical)". Insert instead:	4
	Tablet press	5
	Drug encapsulator	6
Explanatory	note	7
to a pill or tal	d amendment to the <i>Drug Misuse and Trafficking Regulation 2011</i> replaces a reference plet press with references to a tablet press and drug encapsulator as a consequence of ents made to the <i>Drug Misuse and Trafficking Act 1985</i> by the proposed Act.	8 9 10

Schedule 8	Amendment of Evidence Act 1995 No 25	1
Section 19		2
Omit the sect	ion. Insert instead:	3
19 Comp	ellability of spouses and others in certain criminal proceedings	4
;	Section 18 does not apply:	5
	(a) in proceedings for an offence against or referred to in the following provisions of the <i>Children and Young Persons</i> (Care and Protection) Act 1998:	6 7 8
	(i) section 222 (Endangering children in employment),	9
	(ii) section 223 (Certain employers of children to be authorised),	10
	(iii) section 227 (Child and young person abuse),	11
	(iv) section 228 (Neglect of children and young persons), or	12
	(b) if the person could be compelled to give evidence in proceedings under section 279 (Compellability of spouses to give evidence in certain proceedings) of the <i>Criminal Procedure Act 1986</i> .	13 14 15
Note. T	his section differs from section 19 of the Commonwealth Act.	16
Explanatory n	ote	17
compellability of for a domestic or de facto part of spouses and offences other effect to the re	amendment to the <i>Evidence Act 1995</i> makes it clear that special rules that apply to the of the spouse or de facto partner of an accused person to give evidence in proceedings violence offence or a child assault offence apply only to the compellability of the spouse oner (and not other family members). The general rules applicable to the compellability of the tother family members to give evidence in proceedings continue to apply in respect of than domestic violence offences and child assault offences. The amendment gives commendations of the Supreme Court in <i>LS v Director of Public Prosecutions (NSW)</i> NSWSC 1016.	18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

Scł	nedu	ıle 9	Amendment of Justices of the Peace Act 2002 No 27	1 2
[1]	Sect	ion 8 I	Functions of justices of the peace	3
	Inser	t "this	Act," before "the Oaths Act 1900" in section 8 (1).	4
[2]	Sect	ion 8A	L	5
	Inser	t after	section 8:	6
	8 A	Just	ices of the peace may certify copies	7
		(1)	A justice of the peace may certify a document to be a true and accurate copy if the justice of the peace has both the original document and the copy in his or her possession at the time of certifying.	8 9 10
		(2)	A justice of the peace who certifies a document under this section must cause to be printed on the copy of the original document the following words or words substantially the same as the following:	11 12 13
			I certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the document reported to me to be the original document.	14 15
		Expla	anatory note	16
		of a j	proposed amendments to the <i>Justices of the Peace Act 2002</i> provide that the functions ustice of the peace include certifying a document to be a true and accurate copy of an ital document.	17 18 19

Schedule 10	Amendment of Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 No 103	1
Section 229 (Courts having jurisdiction under this Division	3
Omit "\$40,00	0" from section 229 (1) (a) and (b) wherever occurring.	4
Insert instead	"\$100,000".	5
Explanatory no	pte	6
that application	mendment to the Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002 provides in relation to property in police custody with a value of between \$40,000 and be made to the Local Court rather than to the District Court.	7 8 9

Schedule 11	Amendment of Local Court Act 2007 No 93	1
Section 33 C	ertain jurisdiction excluded	2
Omit section 3	33 (1) (d).	3
Explanatory no	ote	4
proceedings re	amendment to the <i>Local Court Act 2007</i> removes a provision that excludes ating to goods that are the subject of a hire-purchase agreement or goods that are ir owner or by some other person acting on the owner's behalf from the civil jurisdiction urt.	5 6 7 8

Schedule 12		Amendment of Minors (Property and Contracts) Act 1970 No 60	
[1]	Section 40 Ju	urisdiction	3
	Omit "\$100,0	00" from section 40 (3). Insert instead "\$750,000".	4
[2]	Section 40 (4)		
	Omit "\$10,00	0". Insert instead "\$100,000".	6
	Explanatory no	ote	7
	jurisdictional lin matters not ex	amendments to the <i>Minors (Property and Contracts) Act 1970</i> increase the nits of the Local Court (increased from matters with a value not exceeding \$10,000 to ceeding \$100,000) and the District Court (increased from matters not exceeding titers not exceeding \$750,000).	8 9 10 11

Scł	nedule 13	3 A	men	dment of Oaths Act 1900 No 20	1	
[1]	Section 24A Declarations by persons unable to read written English					
	Omit "or illiterate". Insert instead ", illiterate or otherwise unable to read written English".					
[2]	Section 26 Before whom oaths and affidavits may be taken					
	Omit "in th	e State	of Nev	w South Wales" from section 26 (1).	5	
	Insert instea	ad "in	this or a	any other State or Territory or the Commonwealth".	6	
[3]	Section 26	Section 26 (1)				
	Omit "the s	aid St	ate" wh	erever occurring. Insert instead "this State".	8	
[4]	Section 26	(1A)			9	
	Insert after		n 26 (1)):	10	
	(1A)	A pe	rson wł	no takes and receives an oath, declaration or affidavit that is to be ore than one person, may do so:	11 12	
		(a)		two or more of the persons making the oath, declaration or wit present at the same time, or	13 14	
		(b)		each of the persons making the oath, declaration or affidavit at ate times.	15 16	
[5]	Section 27	A Affi	davits I	by persons unable to read written English	17	
	Omit "or ill	iterate	". Inser	t instead ", illiterate or otherwise unable to read written English".	18	
[6]	Section 34	Section 34 Identification of person making statutory declaration or affidavit				
	Insert after section 34 (4):					
	(4A) This section does not apply in respect of a person who takes and receives a statutory declaration or affidavit if the declaration or affidavit is made or required to be made:					
		(a)	for the	e purposes of proceedings in:	24	
			(i)	the High Court, or	25	
			(ii)	the Federal Court, or	26	
			(iii)	the Family Court, or	27	
			(iv)	the Federal Circuit Court, or	28	
			(v)	any other court created by the Commonwealth Parliament, or	29	
		(b)		e purposes of, or in connection with, any matter arising under, a f the Commonwealth, or	30 31	
		(c)		nnection with the administration of a Commonwealth Government tment or agency.	32 33	
	Explanatory				34	
	Items [1] and [5] of the proposed amendments to the <i>Oaths Act 1900</i> make it clear that the existing provisions relating to statutory declarations and affidavits given by persons who are blind or illiterate extend to all persons who are unable to read written English.					
	Items [2] and [3] provide that the authority of a person to take and receive an oath, declaration or affidavit extends to the taking of an oath, declaration or affidavit for use in jurisdictions other than New South Wales.					
	Item [4] makes it clear that a person who takes and receives a statutory declaration from more than one deponent may do so with two or more of the deponents present at the same time or with each of the deponents separately.					

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Item [6] provides that the requirement that a person who takes and receives a statutory declaration or affidavit must see the face of the person making the declaration or affidavit for the purpose of identification does not extend to a declaration or affidavit made for the purposes of proceedings in, or a law of, the Commonwealth.

Schedule 14		Amendment of Telecommunications (Interception and Access) (New South Wales) Act 1987 No 290		
[1]	Section 3 De	efinitions	4	
	Omit the defi	inition of <i>restricted record</i> from section 3 (1). Insert instead:	5	
		restricted record means a record, other than a copy, that was obtained by means of an interception, whether or not in contravention of section 7 (1) of the Commonwealth Act, of a communication passing over a telecommunications system.	6 7 8 9	
[2]	Section 4 Eligible authority to keep documents connected with issue of warrants			
	Omit section	4 (c).	11	
	Explanatory r	note	12	
	South Wales) A Telecommunic Item [2] remove	e proposed amendments to the <i>Telecommunications</i> (<i>Interception and Access</i>) (<i>New Act 1987</i> (<i>the Act</i>) amends the definition of <i>restricted record</i> to be consistent with the <i>cations</i> (<i>Interception and Access</i>) <i>Act 1979</i> of the Commonwealth. The set of the commonwealth of the com	13 14 15 16 17	
		5		

Scł	nedule 15	, Δ	Amendment of Young Offenders Act 1997 No 54	1	
[1]	Section 17 Records of warnings				
	Omit section 17 (4). Insert instead:				
	(4)	This section does not require that a record made under this section be destroyed or expunged if the record is held by one of the following:			
		(a)	the Australian Bureau of Statistics,	6	
		(b)	the Australian Institute of Criminology,	7	
		(c)	the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research,	8	
		(d)	the Ombudsman.	9	
[2]	Section 66	Discl	osure of records	10	
	Insert after s	section	n 66 (2) (f):	11	
		(f1)	records of, or relating to, warnings, cautions and conferences under this Act may (subject to any regulations made for the purposes of subsection (3)) be divulged to a person employed in the Australian Bureau of Statistics or the Australian Institute of Criminology, but only if the name and other information identifying a person to whom any such record relates have been removed,	12 13 14 15 16 17	
[3]	Schedule 3 Savings and transitional provisions				
	Insert at the end of the Schedule with appropriate Part and clause numbering:				
	Part		ovision consequent on enactment of Crimes and urts Legislation Amendment Act 2013	20 21	
	Disclosure of records				
		and 6 have force	thing done or omitted to be done before the amendments of sections 17 66 by the <i>Crimes and Courts Legislation Amendment Act 2013</i> , that could been validly done or omitted to be done if the amendments had been in when it was done or omitted to be done, is taken to have been validly or omitted to be done.	23 24 25 26 27	
	Explanatory note				
	Item [2] of the proposed amendments to the <i>Young Offenders Act 1997</i> (<i>the Act</i>) allows for the disclosure of records relating to warnings, cautions and conferences under the Act to the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Institute of Criminology, but only if the name and other information identifying a person to whom any such record relates have been removed from the record.				
	Item [1] provides that a record held by the Australian Bureau of Statistics or the Australian Institute of Criminology relating to a warning given under Part 3 of the Act is not required to be destroyed when the person to whom the record relates reaches the age of 21 years.				
	Item [3] validates the disclosure of records to the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Institute of Criminology before the commencement of the amendments made by items [1] and [2], if the records could have been validly disclosed had the amendments been in force at the time of the disclosure.				

Schedule	16	Amendment of Young Offenders Regulation 2010	1	
Clause	15B		2	
Insert after clause 15A:				
		closure of records relating to warnings, cautions and conferences to the tralian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Institute of Criminology		
	war emp	the purposes of section 66 (2) (f1) of the Act, a record of, or relating to, a rning, caution or conference under the Act may be divulged to a person ployed in the Australian Bureau of Statistics or the Australian Institute of minology if:	6 7 8 9	
	(a)	the information contained in the record will only be used by that Bureau or Institute in research, the production of statistics and the publication of those statistics and of reports relating to that research, and	10 11 12	
	(b)	any such publication does not name or otherwise identify the person to whom the record relates.	13 14	
Explana	Explanatory note			
The proposed amendment to the <i>Young Offenders Regulation 2010</i> limits the circumstances in which records relating to warnings, cautions and conferences may be divulged to the Australian Bureau of Statistics or the Australian Institute of Criminology.				