



New South Wales

Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Amendment Bill 2018

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.
This Bill is cognate with the *Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill 2018*.

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are:

- (a) to make it clear that cyberbullying is a form of intimidation, and
- (b) to provide that stalking may include conduct that involves contacting or otherwise approaching another person using the internet or any other technologically assisted means.

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.

Schedule 1 **Amendment of Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007 No 80**

Schedule 1 [1] amends the definition of *intimidation* to make it clear that cyberbullying is a form of intimidation. **Schedule 1 [2]** includes an example of cyberbullying, which may involve the bullying of a person by publication or transmission of offensive material over social media or via email.

Schedule 1 [3] extends the definition of *stalking* to include contacting or otherwise approaching a person using the internet or any other technologically assisted means.

Schedule 1 [4] includes savings and transitional provisions.