



New South Wales

Children (Criminal Proceedings) Amendment (Age of Criminal Responsibility) Bill 2021

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 *Children (Criminal Proceedings) Act 1987* to raise the age of criminal responsibility to 14 years and to provide that children under the age of 16 years are not to be detained or imprisoned as a penalty for a criminal offence.

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 amends the *Children (Criminal Proceedings) Act 1987* for the purposes set out in the overview above.