

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

**Crimes Legislation Amendment (Sexual Consent Reforms) Bill 2021**

**First print**

**Proposed amendment**

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No. 1 **Objective**

Page 4, Schedule 1[9], proposed section 61HF. Insert after line 13—

- (d) there is a high incidence of sexual offences committed within society,
- (e) sexual offences are significantly under-reported,
- (f) a significant number of sexual offences are committed against women, children and other vulnerable persons, including persons with a cognitive impairment or mental illness,
- (g) sexual offenders are commonly known to their victims,
- (h) sexual offences occur most frequently in residential locations,
- (i) there are legitimate reasons why victims of sexual offences may not physically resist sexual offenders, including—
  - (i) physiological responses to aggression, and
  - (ii) fear of escalating or prolonging the attack,
- (j) sexual offences often occur in circumstances where there are unlikely to be any physical signs of an offence having occurred,
- (k) there are legitimate reasons why a victim of a sexual offence may not immediately report the offence to police or another person, and a failure to make an immediate report does not discredit an allegation.