



New South Wales

Crimes Amendment (Prohibition on Display of Nazi Symbols) Bill 2022

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

This Bill creates an offence for knowingly displaying Nazi symbols by public act and without reasonable excuse.

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.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Crimes Act 1900 No 40

Schedule 1 makes it an offence to knowingly display a Nazi symbol by public act and without reasonable excuse. **Public act** has the same meaning as in the *Crimes Act 1900*, section 93Z. The proposed section makes it clear the offence does not apply to a swastika displayed in connection with Buddhism, Hinduism or Jainism. The proposed section also provides that a reasonable excuse includes the display of a Nazi symbol done reasonably and in good faith for an academic, artistic or educational purpose, or for another purpose in the public interest.