CRIMINAL APPEAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

This Bill is cognate with the Director of Public Prosecutions Bill 1986.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Criminal Appeal Act 1912 so as—

- (a) to enable the Director of Public Prosecutions (as well as the Attorney General) to submit to the Court of Criminal Appeal questions of law following the acquittal of persons tried on indictment (Schedule 1 (1));
- (b) to enable appeals to be made against the staying of indictments (as well as against the quashing of indictments) (Schedule 1 (2));
- (c) to enable the Director of Public Prosecutions (as well as the Attorney General) to appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeal against the quashing or staying of indictments or against the quashing of certain applications or charges (Schedule 1 (3)); and
- (d) to enable the Director of Public Prosecutions (as well as the Attorney General) to appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeal against sentences (Schedule 1 (4)).

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act will, with minor exceptions, commence on a day or days to be appointed by the Governor-in-Council.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

Clause 4 is a transitional provision that provides that appeals against the staying of an indictment may be brought in respect only of stays ordered after the commencement of the amendment.

Schedule 1 contains the amendments mentioned above.

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No. , 1986

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the Criminal Appeal Act 1912 as a consequence of and in connection with the enactment of the Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1986; to provide an appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeal against the staying of indictments; and for other purposes.

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

5 Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the "Criminal Appeal (Amendment) Act 1986".

Commencement

- 2. (1) Sections 1 and 2 shall commence on the date of assent to this 10 Act.
 - (2) Except as provided by subsection (1), this Act shall commence on such day or days as may be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

Amendment of Act No. 16, 1912

15 3. The Criminal Appeal Act 1912 is amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1.

Transitional provision

4. The amendment made by Schedule 1 (2) does not apply to the staying of an indictment before the commencement of that amendment.

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SCHEDULE 1

(Sec. 3)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL APPEAL ACT 1912

(1) Section 5A (Point of law stated by judge)—

Section 5A (2)—

- After "Attorney-General" wherever occurring, insert "or Director of Public Prosecutions".
 - (2) Section 5c (Appeal against quashing or staying of an indictment)— After "quashed" where firstly occurring, insert "or stayed".

SCHEDULE 1—continued

AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL APPEAL ACT 1912—continued

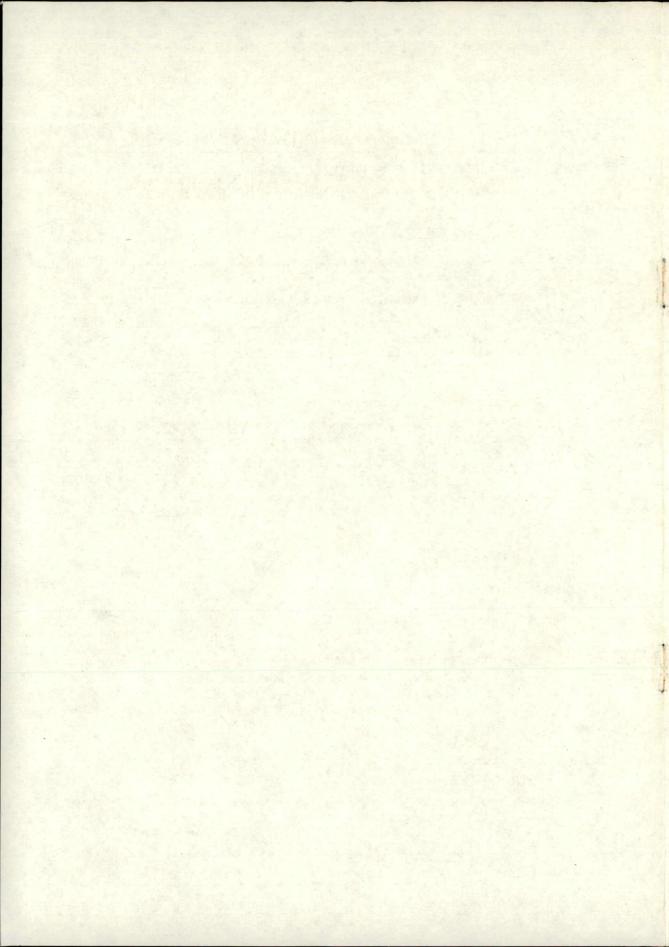
(3) Section 5c—

After "Attorney-General", insert "or the Director of Public Prosecutions".

(4) Section 5D (Appeal by Crown against sentence)—

5 After "Attorney-General", insert "or the Director of Public Prosecutions".

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CRIMINAL APPEAL (AMENDMENT) ACT 1986 No. 211

NEW SOUTH WALES



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- 1. Short title
- 2. Commencement
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NEW SOUTH WALES



Act No. 211, 1986

An Act to amend the Criminal Appeal Act 1912 as a consequence of and in connection with the enactment of the Director of Public Prosecutions Act 1986; to provide an appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeal against the staying of indictments; and for other purposes. [Assented to 23 December 1986]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the "Criminal Appeal (Amendment) Act 1986".

Commencement

- 2. (1) Sections 1 and 2 shall commence on the date of assent to this Act.
- (2) Except as provided by subsection (1), this Act shall commence on such day or days as may be appointed by the Governor and notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

Amendment of Act No. 16, 1912

3. The Criminal Appeal Act 1912 is amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1.

Transitional provision

4. The amendment made by Schedule 1 (2) does not apply to the staying of an indictment before the commencement of that amendment.

SCHEDULE 1

(Sec. 3)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL APPEAL ACT 1912

(1) Section 5A (Point of law stated by judge)—

Section 5A (2)—

After "Attorney-General" wherever occurring, insert "or Director of Public Prosecutions".

(2) Section 5C (Appeal against quashing or staying of an indictment)—
After "quashed" where firstly occurring, insert "or stayed".

SCHEDULE 1—continued

AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL APPEAL ACT 1912—continued

(3) Section 5c—

After "Attorney-General", insert "or the Director of Public Prosecutions".

(4) Section 5D (Appeal by Crown against sentence)—

After "Attorney-General", insert "or the Director of Public Prosecutions".

