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**CRIMES (REPUBLICAN DEBATE) AMENDMENT BILL 1993**

NEW SOUTH WALES



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

The object of this Bill is to amend the Crimes Act 1900 to make it clear that it is not an offence under any Act or law to advocate the reform of the system of constitutional monarchy or its abolition by lawful means.

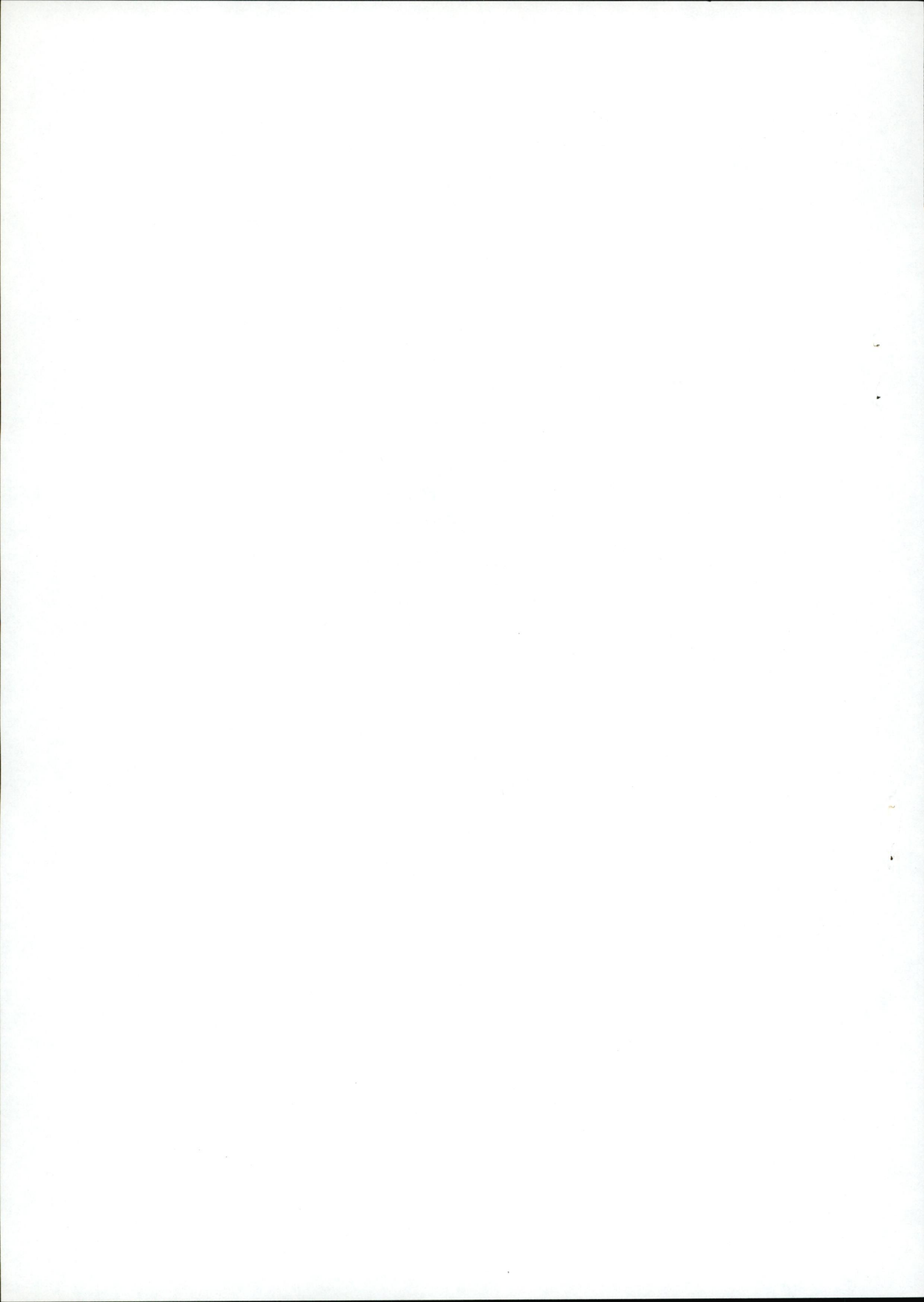
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Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act commences on the date of assent.

Clause 3 makes the amendment to the Crimes Act 1900 described above.

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**A BILL FOR**

An Act to amend the Crimes Act 1900 in relation to offences that might be obstacles to the republican debate.

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*Crimes (Republican Debate) Amendment 1993*

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**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:**

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Crimes (Republican Debate) Amendment Act 1993.

5 **Commencement**

2. This Act commences on the date of assent.

**Amendment of Crimes Act 1900 No. 40**

3. The Crimes Act 1900 is amended by inserting after section 16A the following section:

10 **Debate etc. on the constitutional monarchy**

16B. A person does not commit an offence under this or any other Act or law of or applying in New South Wales if the person, in good faith, advocates (whether in writing, by speech or otherwise) the abolition, by lawful means, of:

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- (a) the constitutional monarchy within Australia or elsewhere; or
  - (b) any function of Her Majesty or her heirs and successors exercisable within Australia or elsewhere; or
  - (c) any of the Royal styles or titles of Her Majesty and her heirs and successors used within Australia or elsewhere,

20 whether before or after the commencement of the Crimes (Republican Debate) Amendment Act 1993.

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