



New South Wales

Criminal Legislation Amendment (Knife Crimes) Bill 2023

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 *Crimes Act 1900* to create offences of—

- (a) having custody of a knife in a public place or a school, and
- (b) using or visibly carrying a knife in a public place or a school.

The offences are currently in the *Summary Offences Act 1988* and are being transferred to the *Crimes Act 1900* with increased maximum penalties.

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.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Crimes Act 1900 No 40

Schedule 1 gives effect to the object described in the above overview by including in the *Crimes Act 1900*, offences of having custody of a knife in a public place or a school and of using or visibly carrying a knife in a public place or a school. These are similar to the offences currently found in the *Summary Offences Act 1988*, sections 11C and 11E. The proposed offences have double the maximum penalty of the existing offences.

Schedule 2 Consequential amendments to other Acts

Schedule 2 amends the following Acts consequent on Schedule 1—

- (a) the *Criminal Procedure Act 1986*,
- (b) the *Summary Offences Act 1988*.