

**SUPREME COURT (VIDEO LINK) AMENDMENT BILL 1992\***

NEW SOUTH WALES



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

The object of this Bill is to enable bail review proceedings before the Supreme Court to be conducted by means of video link facilities.

**Clause 1** specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act.

**Clause 3** amends the Supreme Court Act 1970 to provide that bail review proceedings before the Supreme Court are to be conducted by means of video link facilities unless the Court, in the interests of justice, otherwise orders.

The video link facilities will provide for audio and visual communication of television standard between the place at which the Court is sitting and the other place at which the facilities are operated. Facilities will also be available for private communication between a person and the person's representative in the proceedings if the representative is at the place where the Court is sitting.

The Minister is to review the operation of the amendments within the third year after their commencement and is to table in Parliament a report of the results of the review.

**Clause 4** contains a transitional provision that applies the amendments to bail review proceedings whether the proceedings for an offence from which those bail review proceedings arose were commenced before or after the amendments take effect.

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\* Amended in committee—see table at end of volume.