



New South Wales

Crimes Amendment (Apprehended Violence Orders) Bill 1997

Explanatory note

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

Overview of Bill

The objects of this Bill are to amend the *Crimes Act 1900*:

- (a) to require a person who applies for, or for a variation of, an apprehended violence order (an *AVO*), to inform the court of any relevant family contact order that has been made or is being sought (that is, of any order relating to contact with children of the parties made pursuant to the Family *Law Act 1975* of the Commonwealth), and
- (b) to require a court, in deciding whether or not to make or vary an *AVO*, to consider whether contact with any children of the parties is relevant to the making or variation of the *AVO* and to have regard to any relevant family contact order of which it has been informed.

This Bill is part of a package of model Commonwealth/State provisions agreed to by the Standing Committee of Attorneys General to resolve possible conflicts between family contact orders and *AVOs*.

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

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 a day to be appointed by proclamation.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the amendment to the *Act 1900* set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 Amendment

Schedule 1 contains the amendment to the *Crimes Act 1900* described above.