

CHILDREN (CARE AND PROTECTION) (PERSONAL AND FAMILY VIOLENCE) AMENDMENT BILL 1987

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Bill is cognate with the Crimes (Personal and Family Violence) Amendment Bill 1987.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Children (Care and Protection) Act 1987 to further protect child victims of personal and family violence in connection with the taped recording of interviews with the child.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides that the proposed Act is to commence on a day to be appointed by proclamation.

Clause 3 amends the Children (Care and Protection) Act 1987 by inserting proposed section 24A into that Act. The proposed section—

- (a) authorises the making of regulations to regulate the recording by videotape or audiotape of interviews with child victims of certain personal (including sexual) assault offences conducted by State or private agencies; and
 - (b) prevents any such recording made in connection with the treatment or counselling of the child from being admitted in evidence in criminal or civil proceedings unless the court considers that it is in the interests of justice to do so.
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