

# **Expanding Adult Crime, Adult Time and Taking a Strong Stance on Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour Amendment Bill 2026**

## **Statement of Compatibility**

### **FOR**

### **Amendments to be moved during consideration in detail by the Honourable Laura Gerber MP, Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services**

#### **Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019***

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, the Honourable Laura Gerber MP, Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services, make this statement of compatibility with respect to the amendments to be moved during consideration in detail of Expanding Adult Crime, Adult Time and Taking a Strong Stance on Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour Amendment Bill 2026.

In my opinion, the amendments to be moved to the Bill are compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

### **Overview of the Amendments**

The amendments to the Expanding Adult Crime, Adult Time and Taking a Strong Stance on Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour Amendment Bill 2026 (the Bill) are minor and technical in nature.

At the time of the Bill's introduction, the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Regulation 2012* (the 2012 Regulation) was in force and scheduled to expire on 1 September 2026. On 31 March 2026, the *Police Powers and Responsibilities Regulation 2026* (the 2026 Regulation) commenced and repealed the 2012 Regulation.

The amendments update the Bill to ensure it adequately reflects the current legislative context by substituting references to the 2012 Regulation with references to the 2026 Regulation.

## Human Rights Issues

### Human rights relevant to the amendments

The Bill's Statement of Compatibility identifies several human rights as being engaged and acknowledges that part of the Bill is not compatible with the human rights protected by the HR Act.

The amendments proposed during consideration are minor and technical in nature and do not engage or limit any additional human rights.

### Conclusion

In my opinion, the amendments to the Expanding Adult Crime, Adult Time and Taking a Strong Stance on Drugs and Anti-Social Behaviour Amendment Bill 2026 which are to be moved during consideration in detail are compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* because they do not limit a human right.

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