Justice Legislation (Strengthening Victims' Rights) Amendment Bill 2026

Amendments during consideration in detail to be moved by
The Honourable the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity

1 Clause 2 (Commencement)

Page 4, after line 6—

insert—

(1AA) Part 1A, other than sections 2C and 2D, commences on the later of the following—

(a) immediately after the commencement of the *Breach Bail, Go to Jail and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2026*, section 4, to the extent it inserts definition *prescribed offence*, paragraph (a);

(b) the date of assent.

(1AB) Sections 2C and 2D commence on 1 March 2027.

2 After clause 2

Page 4, after line 10—

insert—

Part 1A Amendment of Bail Act 1980

2A Act amended

This part amends the *Bail Act 1980*.

2B Amendment of s 6 (Definitions)

Section 6, definition *prescribed offence*, paragraph (a), after 'offence'—

insert—

against a provision

2C Insertion of new s 55

Part 5—

insert—

55 Transitional provision for Justice Legislation (Strengthening Victims' Rights) Amendment Act 2026

(1) From the commencement, schedule 1, entry for Criminal Code is taken to include a reference to an offence committed before the commencement against former section 328A of the Criminal Code.

(2) In this section—

former, in relation to a provision of the Criminal Code, means the provision in force from time to time before the commencement.

2D Amendment of sch 1 (Prescribed offences)

(1) Schedule 1, entry for Criminal Code, entry for section 328A—

omit.

(2) Schedule 1, entry for Criminal Code, after entry for section 334C—

insert—

- section 334I (Driving motor vehicles dangerously)
- section 334J (Interfering dangerously with the driving of motor vehicles)
- section 334K (Operating non-motor vehicles dangerously)
- section 334L (Interfering dangerously with the operation of non-motor vehicles)

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3 Clause 10 (Insertion of new s 179IA)

Page 8, line 28 to page 9, line 32—

omit, insert—

(1) A ***victim*** is a person who suffers harm because of the commission of an offence mentioned in section 179J, including, for example—

(a) a person who suffers harm because the offence is committed against the person; or

(b) a person who suffers harm because the person is a family member or dependant of a person mentioned in paragraph (a); or

(c) a person who suffers harm because the person has a close personal relationship with a person mentioned in paragraph (a); or

(d) a person who suffers harm as a direct result of intervening to help a person mentioned in paragraph (a); or

(e) a person who suffers harm as a direct result of witnessing the offence committed against a person mentioned in paragraph (a); or

(f) a person who suffers harm because the person would have been a family member of an unborn child whose life was destroyed because the offence was committed against a person mentioned in paragraph (a); or

(g) a person who suffers harm because the person incurs financial loss or damage to the person's property because of the commission of the offence.

4 Clause 10 (Insertion of new s 179IA)

Page 9, line 33, '(4)'—

omit, insert—

(2)

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5 Clause 16 (Insertion of new ss 179O and 179P and pt 10C)

Page 18, lines 10 and 11, from 'may' to 'community.'—

omit, insert—

may—

(a) ask the director of public prosecutions or the police commissioner for information relevant to the offence; and

(b) consult with the affected community.

6 Clause 17 (Insertion of new pt 14, div 28)

Page 21, line 29—

omit, insert—

Part 14—

7 Schedule 1 (Other amendments)

Page 23, lines 17 to 20—

omit.

8 Long title

Long title, before 'the *Coroners Act 2003*'—

insert—

the *Bail Act 1980*,

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