



New South Wales

# Crimes Amendment (Animal Sexual Abuse) Bill 2024

## Explanatory note

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

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to make amendments to the *Crimes Act 1900* and other legislation to replace the offence of bestiality with the offence of animal sexual abuse.

## 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 the date of assent to the proposed Act.

## Schedule 1 Amendment of Crimes Act 1900 No 40

**Schedule 1[3]** omits the offences of bestiality and attempt to commit bestiality, and instead makes it an offence to do the following—

- (a) commit an act of animal sexual abuse,
- (b) authorise the commission of an act of animal sexual abuse,
- (c) commit an act of animal sexual abuse in the company of another person or persons,
- (d) attempt to commit an act of animal sexual abuse,
- (e) advertise or offer an animal for animal sexual abuse,
- (f) sell, transfer the ownership of or supply an animal with the intention the animal will be used for animal sexual abuse,

(g) purchase or obtain an animal for the purpose of animal sexual abuse.

Proposed section 79AA defines animal sexual abuse.

**Schedule 1[1], [2], [4] and [5]** make consequential amendments.

**Schedule 1[6]** provides that the offences created by the proposed amendments apply to acts done after the commencement of the proposed amendments.

## **Schedule 2      Consequential amendments to other Acts and regulations**

**Schedule 2** amends various Acts and regulations consequent on the amendments in Schedule 1.