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**Crimes Amendment (Places of Worship) Bill 2025**

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**Proposed amendments**

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- No. 1      **In or near a place of worship**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214B(1), line 7. Omit “in or near”. Insert instead “within 6m of an entry to”.
- No. 2      **Elements of offence**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214B(1), line 7. Insert “do the following in a way that restricts the right of a person to practise the person’s religion or demonstrates the person is motivated by racial or religious hatred” after “must not”.
- No. 3      **Impede or hinder**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214B(1)(a), line 8. Omit “, impede or hinder”.
- No. 4      **Elements of offence—consequential amendment**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214B(1)(a), line 8. Omit “a”. Insert instead “the”.
- No. 5      **Elements of offence—consequential amendment**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214B(1)(a), line 10. Omit “or”.
- No. 6      **Intentionally harass, intimidate or threaten**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214B(1)(b), line 11. Insert “intentionally” before “harass”.
- No. 7      **Harass**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214B(1)(b), line 11. Omit “harass,”.
- No. 8      **Elements of offence—consequential amendment**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214B(1)(b), line 11. Omit “a person”. Insert instead “the person when the person is”.
- No. 9      **Apparently genuine demonstration or protest**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214B(2). Insert after line 17—  
    (b1) forms part of or relates to an apparently genuine demonstration or protest, or

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- No. 10      **Meaning of “place of worship”**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214B(4), definition of *place of worship*, lines 23–25. Omit all words on the lines. Insert instead—  
*place of worship* means a building or other structure ordinarily used for worship.
- No. 11      **Sunsetting of offence**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214B. Insert before line 26—  
(5) This section is repealed 12 months after the day on which the section commences.
- No. 12      **Review of Part 4AF**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214C(1), line 27 and 28. Omit “amendments made by the *Crimes Amendment (Places of Worship) Act 2025*”. Insert instead “relevant provisions”.
- No. 13      **Review of Part 4AF—consequential amendment**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214C(1)(a), line 29. Omit “amendments”. Insert instead “relevant provisions”.
- No. 14      **Review of Part 4AF—consequential amendment**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214C(1)(b), line 30. Omit “amendments”. Insert instead “relevant provisions”.
- No. 15      **Review of provisions—Portfolio Committee No 5**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214C(1), line 27. Omit “The Minister”. Insert instead “Portfolio Committee No 5”.
- No. 16      **Review to consider human rights implications**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214C(1)(b), line 31. Omit “objectives.”. Insert instead—  
objectives, and  
(c) there are any human rights implications arising from the relevant provisions or the implementation or operation of the relevant provisions.
- No. 17      **Review of Part 4AF—consequential amendment**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214C(2), line 33. Omit “amendments”. Insert instead “*Crimes Amendment (Places of Worship) Act 2025*”.
- No. 18      **Review of Part 4AF—consequential amendment**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214C(3), line 35. Omit “amendments”. Insert instead “*Crimes Amendment (Places of Worship) Act 2025*”.
- No. 19      **Review of Part 4AF—consequential amendment**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214C. Insert after line 35—  
(4) In this section—  
*relevant provisions* means—  
(a) the provisions inserted or amended by the *Crimes Amendment (Places of Worship) Act 2025*, and  
(b) other provisions in this part.
- No. 20      **Review and report period**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214C(2), lines 32 and 33. Omit “2 years”. Insert instead “12 months”.
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- No. 21      **Review and report period—consequential amendment**  
Page 3, Schedule 1[2], proposed section 214C(3), line 35. Omit “3 years”. Insert instead “12 months”.
- No. 22      **Amendment of Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002**  
Page 4, Schedule 2, lines 1–23. Omit all words on the lines.
- No. 23      **Impede or hinder—consequential amendment**  
Long title. Omit “, impeding, hindering”.
- No. 24      **Amendment of Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002—consequential amendment**  
Long title. Omit “; and to amend the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Act 2002* to authorise police officers to issue move on directions in relation to apparently genuine demonstrations, protests, processions or organised assemblies occurring in or near places of worship”.