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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

THE SENATE

(Presented and read a first time, 19 December 1990)

(SENATOR PETER BAUME)

A BILL

for

An Act to amend the War Crimes Amendment Act 1988

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:

Short title etc.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the War Crimes (Crimes Against Humanity) Amendment Act 1990.

(2) In this Act, "Principal Act" means the War Crimes Act 1945.

Commencement

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Preamble

3. The Preamble to the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (a) "in Europe during World War II".

Interpretation

4. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from the definition of 'war': 5

"in so far as it occurred in Europe in the period beginning on 1 September 1939 and ending on 8 May 1945".

War crime to be indictable offence

5. Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection: 10

"(1) A person who, whether as an individual or as a member of an organisation, committed a war crime is guilty of an indictable offence against this Act."

