

Evidence (Unsworn Evidence) Bill

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Bill amends the **Evidence Act 1958**, the **Crimes Act 1958** and the **Magistrates' Court Act 1989**, abolishing the right to give unsworn evidence or make unsworn statements.

Clause 1 sets out the purposes of the Act.

Clause 2 provides for the Act to come into operation on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.

Clause 3 abolishes the right to make unsworn statements or to give unsworn evidence.

Clause 4 makes consequential amendments to the Crimes Act.

Clause 5 makes consequential amendments to the Magistrates' Court Act.

Clause 6 is a statute law revision amendment.

Clause 7 is a transitional provision stating that the Act applies to all trials yet to occur irrespective of when the offences themselves occurred.

