

**CORONERS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1978, No. 47**

**New South Wales**



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**Act No. 47, 1978.**

**An Act to amend the Coroners Act, 1960, so as to facilitate the taking of depositions at an inquest, inquiry or magisterial inquiry under that Act. [Assented to, 3rd April, 1978.]**

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*Coroners (Amendment).*

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**BE** it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Coroners (Amendment) Act, Short title. 1978".

2. (1) This section and section 1 shall commence on the date of assent to this Act. Commence-  
ment.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (1), this Act shall commence on such day as may be appointed by the Governor in respect thereof and as may be notified by proclamation published in the Gazette.

3. The Coroners Act, 1960, is amended in the manner set forth in Schedule 1. Amendment  
of Act No.  
2, 1960.

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SCHEDULE 1.

Sec. 3.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CORONERS ACT, 1960.

(1) Section 4 (2)—

At the end of section 4, insert :—

(2) For the purposes of this Act, a reference to depositions shall, where the depositions were recorded by a means (other than writing) referred to in section 19 (1), be construed as a reference to a transcript certified in the manner prescribed by regulations made under the Justices Act, 1902, of the depositions so recorded.

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*Coroners (Amendment).*

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SCHEDULE 1—*continued.*AMENDMENTS TO THE CORONERS ACT, 1960—*continued.*

## (2) Section 19 (1), (2)—

Omit the subsections, insert instead :—

(1) The deposition of every witness at an inquest, inquiry or magisterial inquiry shall be recorded by means of writing, shorthand, stenotype machine, sound-recording apparatus or any other means prescribed for the time being by regulations made under section 154 (1A) (b) of the Justices Act, 1902.

(2) Where, for the purposes of subsection (1), the deposition of a witness is recorded by means of writing, it shall be read over either to or by the witness, as the coroner, justice or justices holding the inquest, inquiry or magisterial inquiry may direct, and be signed by him and by the coroner, justice or justices, as the case may be.

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