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ACT 1988 No. 61**

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An Act to amend section 50 of the Defamation Act 1974 to require the prior consent of the Attorney General to a prosecution for the indictable misdemeanour constituted by that section. [Assented to 21 November 1988]

*Defamation (Criminal Defamation) Amendment 1988*

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**The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:**

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Defamation (Criminal Defamation) Amendment Act 1988.

**Commencement**

2. This Act commences on a day to be appointed by proclamation.

**Amendment of Defamation Act 1974 No. 18, section 50 (Offence)**

3. The Defamation Act 1974 is amended by inserting at the end of section 50 the following subsections:

(4) Proceedings for an offence under this section may not be instituted without the written consent of the Attorney General.

(5) In any such proceedings, a consent purporting to have been signed by the Attorney General is, without proof of the signature, evidence of that consent.

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[*Minister's second reading speech made in—  
Legislative Assembly on 31 August 1988  
Legislative Council on 15 November 1988*]

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