

# Young Offenders Amendment (Victim Statements) Regulation 2008

under the

Young Offenders Act 1997

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Young Offenders Act 1997*.

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#### **Explanatory note**

If an offence is committed by a child and the child is to receive a caution for the offence under the *Young Offenders Act 1997* (*the Act*), the Act provides that the victim of the offence may prepare a written statement describing the harm occasioned to the victim by the offence. The statement may be read to the child during the caution.

Clause 23A of the *Young Offenders Regulation 2004* prescribes the form and content of these statements and currently provides that a victim cannot include in a statement a request for an apology from the child. This Regulation removes that restriction, so that a statement may include a request for an apology from the child.

This Regulation is made under the *Young Offenders Act 1997*, including sections 24A and 73 (the general regulation-making power).

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#### 1 Name of Regulation

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#### 2 Amendment of Young Offenders Regulation 2004

The Young Offenders Regulation 2004 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Amendments Schedule 1

### Schedule 1 Amendments

(Clause 2)

- [1] Clause 23A Form and content of written victim statements Omit "an apology," from clause 23A (h).
- [2] Clause 23A, note
  Omit the note.