



New South Wales

# Commencement Proclamation

under the

Stronger Communities Legislation Amendment (Domestic Violence) Act  
2020 No 36

MARGARET BEAZLEY, Governor

I, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales, with the advice of the Executive Council, and under section 2(2) of the *Stronger Communities Legislation Amendment (Domestic Violence) Act 2020*, do, by this my Proclamation, appoint 27 March 2021 as the day on which Schedule 1[1] and [11]–[13] to the Act commence.

Signed and sealed at Sydney, this 3rd day of March 2021.

By Her Excellency's Command,



MARK SPEAKMAN, MP

Attorney General, and Minister for the  
Prevention of Domestic Violence

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

## Explanatory note

The object of this Proclamation is to commence amendments to the *Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007* to—

- (a) extend the definition of *intimidation* to include harm to an animal in certain circumstances, and
- (b) clarify that the prohibition relating to destroying or damaging property of a protected person, which is taken to be specified in every apprehended violence order, extends to harming an animal, and
- (c) require an apprehended domestic violence order, which must be imposed by the court against certain persons sentenced to imprisonment, to continue for a period of 2 years after the person's term of imprisonment ends or for another period specified by the court.