



New South Wales

Commencement Proclamation

under the

Stronger Communities Legislation Amendment (Children) Act 2021 No 45

ANDREW SCOTT BELL, Administrator

I, the Honourable Chief Justice Andrew Scott Bell, Administrator of the State of New South Wales, with the advice of the Executive Council, and in pursuance of section 2(2) of the *Stronger Communities Legislation Amendment (Children) Act 2021*, do, by this my Proclamation, appoint 1 September 2022 as the day on which that Act, Schedule 2, commences.

Signed and sealed at Sydney, this 24th day of August 2022.

By His Honour's Command,



(L.S.)

NATASHA MACLAREN-JONES, MLC

Minister for Families and Communities

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

Explanatory note

The object of this Proclamation is to commence provisions amending the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* which—

- (a) include a person who has been convicted of bestiality or of a serious animal cruelty offence in the list of persons who may not apply for administrative review of a decision to refuse a working with children check clearance or for an enabling order,
- (b) enable an animal welfare body to share information about a person with the Children's Guardian if—
 - (i) proceedings for an animal cruelty offence are commenced against the person, or
 - (ii) the person is found guilty of an animal cruelty offence,
- (c) specify additional animal cruelty offences as offences that trigger a risk assessment of a person who holds a working with children check clearance or an applicant for a working with children check clearance,
- (d) provide that a person convicted of a serious animal cruelty offence is disqualified from holding a working with children check clearance.