



New South Wales

# Crimes Legislation Amendment (War Memorial Offences) Bill 2025

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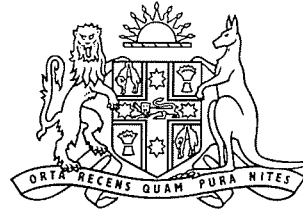
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*I certify that this PUBLIC BILL, which originated in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, has finally passed the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL and the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of NEW SOUTH WALES.*

*Legislative Council*  
2025

*Clerk of the Parliaments*



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## **Crimes Legislation Amendment (War Memorial Offences) Bill 2025**

Act No , 2025

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An Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1900* and the *Summary Offences Act 1988* regarding offences committed in relation to war memorials.

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

**1 Name of Act**

This Act is the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (War Memorial Offences) Act 2025*.

**2 Commencement**

This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

## Schedule 1 Amendment of Crimes Act 1900 No 40

### [1] Section 195 Destroying or damaging property

Insert after section 195(1)—

(1AA) A person is guilty of an offence under this subsection if—

- (a) the person intentionally or recklessly destroys or damages property belonging to another person or to that person and another person, and
- (b) the property is a war memorial.

Maximum penalty—imprisonment for 7 years.

### [2] Section 195(3)

Insert after section 195(2)—

- (3) In this section—

**war memorial** has the same meaning as in the *Summary Offences Act 1988*, section 8.

## **Schedule 2      Amendment of Summary Offences Act 1988 No 25**

### **Section 8 Damaging or desecrating protected places**

Insert after section 8(3A)—

- (3B) If a person is convicted of an offence under this section in relation to a war memorial, the court may order the person to pay to the person who has control or management of the war memorial compensation of not more than \$4,400 for damage or defacement of the war memorial or a loss incurred as a result of the offence.
- (3C) Compensation payable under subsection (3B) is in addition to any fine or other penalty imposed in relation to the offence.