

Act 1994 No. 80

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (SENTENCE INDICATION
HEARINGS) AMENDMENT BILL 1994**

NEW SOUTH WALES



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)

The object of this Bill is to amend the Criminal Procedure Act 1986 to enable the extension of the Sentence Indication Hearings Pilot Scheme for a further period of 12 months. The scheme is set up by Part 12 of the Criminal Procedure Act 1986, and enables Judges of the District Court to indicate the sentence that might be given if an accused person were to plead guilty. The Pilot Scheme will expire on 31 January 1995 if this Bill is not passed.

Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the proposed Act to commence on a day to be appointed by the Governor by proclamation published in the Gazette.

Clause 3 is a formal provision giving effect to the Schedule of amendments.

SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS

Schedule 1 (b) extends by 12 months the period during which the Pilot Scheme can be conducted.

Schedule 1 (a) makes it clear that more than one practice note can be published in regard to the Pilot Scheme. Further practice notes may be necessary to deal with the Pilot Scheme during the further period.
