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## **Crimes Legislation Amendment (Age of Criminal Responsibility) Bill 2019**

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**A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to the  
criminal law, and for related purposes**

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# **A Bill for an Act to amend legislation relating to the criminal law, and for related purposes**

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

## **1 Short title**

This Act is the *Crimes Legislation Amendment (Age of Criminal Responsibility) Act 2019*.

## **2 Commencement**

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

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**Commencement information**

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>Provisions</b>	<b>Commencement</b>	<b>Date/Details</b>
1. The whole of this Act	The day after this Act receives the Royal Assent.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

### **3 Schedules**

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

## Schedule 1—Amendments

### *Crimes Act 1914*

**1 Section 4M (heading)**

Omit “10”, substitute “14”.

**2 Section 4M**

Omit “10”, substitute “14”.

**3 Section 4N**

Repeal the section.

**4 Subsection 23WA(1) (definition of *child*)**

Omit “10”, substitute “14”.

**5 Section 23WC (table item 4)**

Omit “10”, substitute “14”.

**6 Section 23YQE (heading)**

Omit “10”, substitute “14”.

**7 Section 23YQE**

Omit “10”, substitute “14”.

### *Criminal Code Act 1995*

**8 Section 7.1 of the *Criminal Code* (heading)**

Omit “10”, substitute “14”.

**9 Section 7.1 of the *Criminal Code***

Omit “10”, substitute “14”.

**10 Section 7.2 of the *Criminal Code* (heading)**

Repeal the section.

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## 11 Application provision

The amendments made by this Schedule apply in relation to offences committed on or after the commencement of this Schedule.