



New South Wales

Summary Offences Amendment (Police Memorial Offences) Bill 2026

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This PUBLIC BILL, originated in the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL for its concurrence.

Legislative Assembly

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly



New South Wales

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No , 2026

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Summary Offences Act 1988* in relation to damaging or desecrating memorials to police officers.

EXAMINED

Speaker

The LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL has this day agreed to this Bill with/without amendment.

Legislative Council

Clerk of the Parliaments

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts—	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>Summary Offences Amendment (Police Memorial Offences) Act 2026</i> .	3
2 Commencement	4
This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	5

Schedule 1	Amendment of Summary Offences Act 1988 No 25	1
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[1] Section 8 Damaging or desecrating protected places		3
Insert in alphabetical order in section 8(1)—		4
<i>police memorial</i> means a memorial, erected in a public place by or on behalf		5
of a local council or an authority of the State or another jurisdiction, to police		6
officers.		7
[2] Section 8(1), definition of “protected place”		8
Insert “, a police memorial” after “war memorial”.		9
[3] Section 8(3)		10
Insert “, police memorial” after “war memorial”.		11
[4] Section 8(3B)		12
Omit the subsection. Insert instead—		13
(3B) If a person is convicted of an offence under this section in relation to a war		14
memorial or police memorial, the court may order the person to pay to the		15
person who has control or management of the memorial compensation of not		16
more than \$4,400 for damage or defacement of the memorial or a loss incurred		17
as a result of the offence.		18

Schedule 2	Amendment of Crimes Act 1900 No 40	1
[1] Section 195 Destroying or damaging property		2
Omit “war memorial” from section 195(1AA)(b).		3
Insert instead “war memorial or police memorial”.		4
[2] Section 195(3)		5
Insert in alphabetical order—		6
<i>police memorial</i> has the same meaning as in the <i>Summary Offences Act 1988</i> ,		7
section 8.		8