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Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Amendment (Places of Worship) Bill 2025

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Proposed amendments

- No. 1 **What is meant by “near”**
Page 3, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 200AA(a)(i), line 14. Omit “in or near”. Insert instead “within 2m of an entry to”.
- No. 2 **Persons inciting hatred**
Page 3, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 200AA(a)(ii), line 16. Omit “persons”. Insert instead “persons inciting hatred”.
- No. 3 **Persons entering or leaving place of worship**
Page 3, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 200AA(a)(ii)(A), line 17. Omit “, impeding or hindering”.
- No. 4 **Intentionally harassing etc**
Page 3, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 200AA(a)(ii)(B), line 20. Insert “intentionally” before “harassing”.
- No. 5 **Persons entering or leaving place of worship**
Page 3, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 200AA(a)(ii)(B), line 22. Insert “, to the extent the person could not reasonably enter or leave the place of worship” after “worship”.
- No. 6 **Persons inciting hatred**
Page 3, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 200AA(f), line 36. Omit “persons who are”. Insert instead “persons who are inciting hatred by”.
- No. 7 **Persons entering or leaving place of worship**
Page 3, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 200AA(f)(i), line 37. Omit “, impeding or hindering”.
- No. 8 **Persons entering or leaving place of worship**
Page 3, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 200AA(f)(i), line 38. Insert “, to the extent the person could not reasonably enter or leave the place of worship” after “place of worship”.
- No. 9 **Intentionally harassing etc**
Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 200AA(f)(ii), line 1. Insert “intentionally” before “harassing”.

No. 10 **Direction must be reasonable in circumstances**

Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 200AA. Insert after line 2—

- (2) A direction given under this section must be reasonable in the circumstances for reducing or eliminating—
 - (a) the intentional obstruction of a person accessing or leaving a place of worship, or
 - (b) the harassment, intimidation or fear of a person accessing or leaving a place of worship.

No. 11 **Direction power to expire 12 months after commencement**

Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 200AA. Insert after line 2—

- (3) This section is repealed on the day that is 12 months after the day on which this section commences.

No. 12 **Review of amendments**

Page 4, Schedule 1[3], proposed section 200AA. Insert after line 2—

[4] Section 243

Omit the section. Insert instead—

243 Review of operation of section 200AA

- (1) The Minister must review the operation of the relevant amendments to determine whether—
 - (a) the policy objectives of the relevant amendments remain valid, and
 - (b) the terms of the relevant amendments remain appropriate for achieving the objectives.
- (2) The review must be undertaken as soon as practicable after the period of 12 months from the commencement of the relevant amendments.
- (3) A report on the outcome of the review must be tabled in each House of Parliament within 2 years after the commencement of the relevant amendments.
- (4) In this section—
relevant amendments means the amendments made by the *Law Enforcement (Powers and Responsibilities) Amendment (Places of Worship) Act 2025*.