

FACT SHEET

Corrections (Prisoner Remission) Amendment Bill 2017

The *Corrections Amendment (Prisoner Remission) Bill 2017* (the Bill) makes a number of amendments to the *Corrections Act 1997* (the Act) and related legislation.

The Bill removes eligibility for remission of sentence for all offenders sentenced after the Bill commences.

The Bill also clarifies the granting of remissions to individuals already sentenced. It provides that remissions can be no more than three months of the total episode of sentenced imprisonment (irrespective of the number of sentences) for any one prisoner, for all prisoners sentenced after 1 January 1994.

The regulation making powers in relation to mitigation or remission under the *Corrections Act 1997* are also amended to include consideration of a prisoner's participation in rehabilitative or approved purposeful activities.

The Bill will also rename "special remissions" as "special management days". "Special management days" will not be affected by the changes to the remissions system.