

FACT SHEET

Sentencing Amendment (Phasing Out of Suspended Sentences) Bill 2017

The Sentencing Amendment (Phasing Out Of Suspended Sentences) Bill 2017 makes a number of amendments to the *Sentencing Act 1997* and related legislation.

The Bill will amend the *Sentencing Act 1997* by:

- providing for the new sentencing options of home detention orders and community correction orders;
- removing probation orders and community service orders as sentencing options;
- removing suspended sentences of imprisonment as a sentencing option for certain offences, except in exceptional circumstances; and
- removing the power, except in exceptional circumstances, to order an offender to remain on a suspended sentence of imprisonment, or have a suspended sentence imposed as a substituted sentence, where the offender has breached a condition of their suspended sentence.