

FACT SHEET

Sentencing Amendment (Racial Motivation) Bill 2016

The *Sentencing Amendment (Racial Motivation) Bill 2016* makes amendments to the *Sentencing Act 1997* to introduce a statutory sentence aggravation provision in relation to offences that are racially motivated.

The Bill amends the *Sentencing Act 1997* by providing that where an offence is motivated by racial hatred or prejudice, that motivation must be taken into account as an aggravating factor sentencing purposes.