

## FACT SHEET

### *Magistrates Court (Criminal and General Division) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019*

The *Magistrates Court (Criminal and General Division) (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2019* contains major amendments to other legislation resulting from reforms associated with the *Magistrates Court (Criminal and General Division) Bill 2019*.

The following Acts are amended by this Bill:

- *Bail Act 1994*
- *Consumer Affairs Act 1988*
- *Coroners Act 1995*
- *Criminal Law (Detention and Interrogation) Act 1995*
- *Family Violence Act 2004*
- *Magistrates Court Act 1987*
- *Police Offences Act 1935*
- *Supreme Court Civil Procedure Act 1932*.

Many of the amendments made by this Bill reflect changes in terminology and processes introduced by the *Magistrates Court (Criminal and General Division) Bill 2019*.

Some amendments made by this Bill insert provisions which are currently in the *Justices Act 1959* into a more appropriate Act. For example, the Bill inserts provisions relating to Police bail and the prohibition on the publication of bail proceedings into the *Bail Act 1994*.

Other amendments contained in this Bill provide for more consistency within the Magistrates Court. For example, under the *Coroners Act 1995* the contempt offence under section 66 is repealed and Coroners will instead rely on contempt provisions in section 17A of the *Magistrates Court Act 1987*.

Provisions allowing Magistrates to control processes of the Court, including provisions relating to persons who are allowed in the courtroom, have also been inserted into the *Magistrates Court Act 1987* by the Bill.