

FACT SHEET

Sentencing Amendment (Alcohol Treatment Order) Bill 2023

The Sentencing Amendment (Alcohol Treatment Order) Bill 2023 (the Bill) amends the *Sentencing Act 1997* (the Act). The Bill proposes to amend the Act to provide that a court may make a treatment order pursuant to Part 3A of the Act where the offender has a demonstrable history of alcohol dependence, where the offending is linked to alcohol dependence, subject to the existing limitations on the making of drug treatment orders.

The Bill makes amendments throughout Part 3A of the Act to provide for the change in the name of the order from *drug treatment order* to *drug and alcohol treatment order*.

The Bill makes other necessary amendments to refer to alcohol dependency, including provisions providing for alcohol testing and updates relevant definitions. A new discretionary program condition is inserted to provide that a Court may order that the offender must not visit locations or classes of locations as specified in the order.

Savings and transitional provisions are included to clarify how existing orders and new orders are to be managed by the courts as the scheme transitions to the new *drug and alcohol treatment orders*.

The Bill is to commence on a day to be proclaimed.