

## CLAUSE NOTES

### Justice Miscellaneous (Reporting Procedures) Bill 2025

#### PART 1 – PRELIMINARY

**Clause 1      Short title**

Specifies the name of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2      Commencement**

Provides that the Act commences on a day or days to be proclaimed.

**Clause 3      Repeal of Act**

This automatically repeals the amending legislation on the first anniversary after the Act commences. The provisions that are amended by this Act in the listed Principal Acts remain in force after the repeal of the amending Act.

#### PART 2 – MAGISTRATES COURT ACT 1987 AMENDED

**Clause 4      Principal Act**

Provides that the Principal Act being amended in this part is the *Magistrates Court Act 1987*.

**Clause 5      Section 17C amended (Annual Report)**

Clause 8 amends section 17C(1) of the Principal Act by substituting “30 November” with “31 October”. This is consistent with most other annual reporting statutory timeframes.

#### PART 3 – REGISTRATION TO WORK WITH VULNERABLE PEOPLE ACT 2013 AMENDED

**Clause 6      Principal Act**

Provides that the Principal Act that is being amended in this part is the *Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013*.

**Clause 7      Section 53AB inserted**

Clause 9 inserts section 53AB in Part 7A of the Principal Act. This section provides that persons may voluntarily notify the Registrar of reportable behaviour. This implements recommendation 19.6 of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government’s Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional settings.

Subsection (1) provides the circumstances in which a person may notify the Registrar of reportable behaviour. They include when a person becomes aware by any means or suspects on reasonable grounds, that another person has engaged or may have engaged in

reportable behaviour and if they believe on reasonable grounds that the person is a registered person or has applied for registration.

Subsection (2) provides the information to be included in a notification. It requires that a notification under subsection (1) includes as far as it is known by the person making the notification, the name of and any other identifying particulars of, the person who engaged or may have engaged in the behaviour. This may include for example the details of the person's employer. It also provides that the notification should include the details of the alleged reportable behaviour as far as it is known.

It is clarified in subsection (3) that a person may make a notification under subsection (1) in respect of reportable behaviour that occurred, or that the person was aware of, before the commencement of the Principal Act.

**Clause 8      Section 60 amended (Regulations)**

Clause 8 amends section 60(2)(db)(i) of the Principal Act to ensure that the regulations making power regarding notifications of reportable behaviour applies to any notifications made, including those under the amendment in clause 7.

**PART 4 – SUPREME COURT CIVIL PROCEDURE ACT 1932  
AMENDED**

**Clause 9      Principal Act**

Provides that the Principal Act that is being amended in this part is the *Supreme Court Civil Procedure Act 1932*.

**Clause 10     Section 194H amended (Annual report)**

Clause 11 amends section 194H of the Principal Act by substituting "30 November" with "31 October". This is consistent with most other annual reporting statutory timeframes.