

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
CRIMES AMENDMENT (RECRUITMENT OF CHILDREN FOR CRIMINAL
ACTIVITY) BILL 2026

(Amendments to be proposed in Committee by EVAN MULHOLLAND)

1. Clause 1, page 2, line 1, omit "an adult" and insert "a person".
2. Clause 1, page 2, line 3, omit "adult" and insert "person".
3. Clause 1, page 2, line 4, omit "child." and insert "child; and".
4. Clause 1, page 2, after line 4 insert—

"(d) to provide that these offences may be committed by a child as well as by an adult."
5. Clause 3, after line 9 insert—

"(aa) the definition of *adult* is **repealed**;"
6. Clause 4, line 6, omit "An adult" and insert "A person".
7. Clause 4, line 6, omit "a person" and insert "another person,".
8. Clause 4, line 7, omit "child" and insert "child,".
9. Clause 4, line 8, after "the" insert "other".
10. Clause 4, line 11, omit "an adult" and insert "a person".
11. Clause 4, line 12, omit "adult" and insert "person"
12. Clause 4, line 16, omit "ages" and insert "age".
13. Clause 4, line 17, omit "the adult and".
14. Clause 4, line 17, omit "are" and insert "is".
15. Clause 5, after line 23 insert—

'(aa) for "An adult" **substitute** "A person";'
16. Clause 5, line 24, omit "a person" and insert "another person,".
17. Clause 5, line 25, omit "child" and insert "child,".
18. Clause 5, line 28, after "the" insert "other".

19. Clause 5, after line 28 insert—
 - '(2A) In section 321LB(2) of the **Crimes Act 1958**—
 - (a) for "an adult" **substitute** "a person";
 - (b) for "the adult" **substitute** "the person".'.
20. Clause 5, after line 30 insert—
 - '(4) In section 321LB(3) of the **Crimes Act 1958**, for "the ages of the adult and the child are" **substitute** "the age of the child is".'.
21. Clause 6, line 5, omit "An adult" and insert "A person".
22. Clause 6, after line 12 insert—
 - '(ab) for "An adult" **substitute** "A person";'.
23. Clause 7, after line 16 insert—
 - '(aa) for "An adult" **substitute** "A person";'.