

**NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA**

**SERIOUS SEX OFFENDERS ACT 2013**

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As in force at 25 March 2024

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## SERIOUS SEX OFFENDERS ACT 2013

**An Act to provide for continued detention or supervised release of certain serious sex offenders, and for related purposes**

### **Part 1 Preliminary matters**

#### **1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Serious Sex Offenders Act 2013*.

#### **2 Commencement**

This Act commences on the day fixed by the Administrator by *Gazette* notice.

#### **3 Objects of Act**

- (1) The primary object of this Act is to enhance the protection and safety of victims of serious sex offences and the community generally by allowing for the control, by continued detention or supervised release, of offenders who have committed serious sex offences and pose a serious danger to the community.
- (2) The secondary object of this Act is to provide for the continuing rehabilitation, care and treatment of those offenders.

#### **4 Definitions**

In this Act:

***alleged contravention***, see section 48(1).

***approved monitoring device***, see section 164 of the *Correctional Services Act 2014*.

***business day*** means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

***continuing detention order***, see section 8(1).

**detainee** means a person subject to a continuing detention order.

**Director of the CVSU** means the Director of the CVSU appointed under section 6 of the *Victims of Crime Rights and Services Act 2006*.

**final continuing detention order**, see section 8(2)(a).

**final supervision order**, see section 13(2)(a).

**health practitioner** means a person registered under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law* to practise in a health profession (other than as a student).

**in custody** means:

- (a) in the lawful custody of the Commissioner of Correctional Services (as defined in section 4 of the *Correctional Services Act 2014*); or
- (b) in lawful custody within the meaning of section 84(1) of the *Mental Health and Related Services Act 1998*.

**interim continuing detention order**, see section 8(2)(b).

**interim supervision order**, see section 13(2)(b).

**medical assessment order**, see section 79(1).

**medical expert** means a health practitioner registered to practise:

- (a) in the medical profession in the recognised specialty of psychiatry; or
- (b) in a health profession prescribed by regulation.

**medical report**, see section 79(2)(b)(i).

**offence of a sexual nature** means:

- (a) a serious sex offence; or
- (b) any of the following:
  - (i) an offence against a provision listed in Schedule 2, subject to any qualification specified opposite the provision;
  - (ii) an offence against a provision that was listed in Schedule 2 at the time the offence was committed;



- (iii) an offence substantially corresponding to an offence mentioned in subparagraph (i) or (ii) against a law of another jurisdiction (including a jurisdiction outside Australia);
- (iv) an offence of attempting, or of conspiracy or incitement to commit, an offence mentioned in subparagraph (i), (ii) or (iii).

**offender**, for Part 8, Division 2, see section 83(1)(a).

**original decision**, see section 102(1).

**parole order**, see section 3(1) of the *Parole Act 1971*.

**probation and parole officer**, see section 4 of the *Correctional Services Act 2014*.

**qualifying offender**, see section 22(1).

**registered person**, for Part 8, Division 2, see section 83(1)(c).

**requirement**, for a supervision order, means a requirement included in the order under section 18 or 19.

**serious danger to the community**, see section 6(1).

**serious sex offence** means any of the following:

- (a) an offence against a provision listed in Schedule 1, subject to any qualification specified opposite the provision;
- (b) an offence against a provision that was listed in Schedule 1 at the time the offence was committed;
- (c) an offence substantially corresponding to an offence mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b) against:
  - (i) a law that has been repealed; or
  - (ii) a law of another jurisdiction (including a jurisdiction outside Australia);
- (d) an offence of attempting, or of conspiracy or incitement to commit, an offence mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

**supervisee** means a person subject to a supervision order.

**supervision order**, see section 13(1).

**Victims Register** means the register as defined in section 4 of the *Victims of Crime Rights and Services Act 2006*.

**victim submission**, see section 84.

*Note for section 4*

*The Interpretation Act 1978 contains definitions and other provisions that may be relevant to this Act.*

## 5 Application of Criminal Code

Part IIAA of the Criminal Code applies to an offence against this Act.

*Note for section 5*

*Part IIAA of the Criminal Code states the general principles of criminal responsibility, establishes general defences, and deals with burden of proof. It also defines, or elaborates on, certain concepts commonly used in the creation of offences.*

# Part 2 Continuing detention orders and supervision orders – general matters

## Division 1 Serious danger to the community

### 6 Serious danger to the community

- (1) A person is a **serious danger to the community** if there is an unacceptable risk that he or she will commit a serious sex offence unless he or she is in custody or subject to a supervision order.
- (2) In deciding whether a person is a serious danger to the community, a court must have regard to the following:
  - (a) the likelihood of the person committing another serious sex offence;
  - (b) the impact of serious sex offences committed, or likely to be committed, by the person on:
    - (i) victims of those offences and the victims' families; and
    - (ii) members of the community generally;
  - (c) the need to protect people from those impacts.

## 7 Standard and onus of proof

- (1) A court must not decide that a person is a serious danger to the community unless it is satisfied, to a high degree of probability, that there is acceptable and cogent evidence of sufficient weight to justify the decision.
- (2) The Attorney-General has the onus of satisfying the court that the person is a serious danger to the community.

## Division 2 Continuing detention orders

### 8 Nature of continuing detention order

- (1) A **continuing detention order** is an order that the person subject to the order (the **detainee**) be detained in custody.
- (2) A continuing detention order may be:
  - (a) a **final continuing detention order** – being a continuing detention order, made on the determination of a proceeding, under which the detainee is to be detained indefinitely; or
  - (b) an **interim continuing detention order** – being a continuing detention order, made on an interim basis while a proceeding is before a court, under which the detainee is to be detained pending determination of the proceeding.
- (3) A continuing detention order has effect as a warrant committing the detainee into custody in accordance with the terms of the order.
- (4) If the detainee is not in custody when a continuing detention order comes into force, the order also has effect as a warrant for his or her arrest.

#### *Note for section 8*

*A final continuing detention order may be made under section 31(1) or 58(1)(b)(ii). An interim continuing detention order may be made under section 30(2), 52(a), 54(3), 58(1)(b)(i), 105(2) or 107(2).*

## **9 Considerations when making, confirming or revoking continuing detention order**

- (1) In deciding whether to make, confirm or revoke a continuing detention order in relation to a person, a court must have regard to the following:
  - (a) as the paramount consideration – the need to protect:
    - (i) victims of serious sex offences committed, or likely to be committed, by the person; and
    - (ii) the victims' families; and
    - (iii) members of the community generally;
  - (b) as a secondary consideration – the desirability of providing rehabilitation, care and treatment for the person.
- (2) In considering the need for protection mentioned in subsection (1)(a), the court must have regard to the following:
  - (a) the likelihood of the person committing another serious sex offence;
  - (b) whether adequate protection could reasonably be provided by making a supervision order in relation to the person.

## **10 Duration of continuing detention order**

- (1) A continuing detention order comes into force:
  - (a) if the detainee is a qualifying offender when the order is made – when he or she ceases to be a qualifying offender; or
  - (b) otherwise – at the time the order is made.

*Note for subsection (1)(a)*

*If the detainee is a qualifying offender who is subject to a parole order, the Supreme Court may suspend or revoke the parole order under section 28(2) or 31(2) so that the detainee serves out his or her sentence in custody before the continuing detention order comes into force.*

- (2) A final continuing detention order remains in force until it is revoked.
- (3) An interim continuing detention order remains in force until the first of the following occurs:
  - (a) the order is revoked;
  - (b) the proceeding during which it was made is finally determined;

- (c) the order expires.

#### **11 Expiry date for interim continuing detention order**

- (1) A court making an interim continuing detention order must state in the order the date on which it will expire.
- (2) A court may, on application by the Attorney-General, amend an interim continuing detention order to extend the duration of the order.
- (3) However, the total period for which a detainee may be subject to an interim continuing detention order pending determination of a particular proceeding cannot exceed 6 months unless the court is satisfied there are exceptional circumstances.

#### **12 Detainee cannot be granted bail or parole**

- (1) A detainee cannot be granted bail under the *Bail Act 1982*.
- (2) A parole order cannot be made under the *Parole Act 1971* in relation to a detainee.

### **Division 3 Supervision orders**

#### **Subdivision 1 Nature and consideration when making**

##### **13 Nature of supervision order**

- (1) A **supervision order** is an order that the person subject to the order (the **supervisee**) must comply with the requirements included in the order under sections 18 and 19.
- (2) A supervision order may be:
  - (a) a **final supervision order** – being a supervision order, made on the determination of a proceeding, under which the supervisee is to be supervised for a stated period of at least 5 years; or
  - (b) an **interim supervision order** – being a supervision order, made on an interim basis while a proceeding is before a court, under which the supervisee is to be supervised pending determination of the proceeding.

- (3) If the duration of a final supervision order is extended on an interim basis under section 37, it becomes an interim supervision order, but if the Supreme Court extends the order under section 38 it again becomes a final supervision order.

*Note for section 13*

*A final supervision order may be made under section 31(1) or 71(1)(b). An interim supervision order may be made under section 30(2), 105(2) or 107(2).*

## **14 Considerations when making, amending or revoking supervision order**

- (1) This section applies when a court is deciding:
- (a) whether to make, amend or revoke a supervision order in relation to a person; and
  - (b) if a supervision order is to be made or amended:
    - (i) the requirements to be included in the order; and
    - (ii) the expiry date (if any) for the order.
- (2) The court must have regard to the following:
- (a) as the paramount consideration – the need to protect:
    - (i) victims of serious sex offences committed, or likely to be committed, by the person; and
    - (ii) the victims' families; and
    - (iii) members of the community generally;
  - (b) as a secondary consideration – the desirability of providing rehabilitation, care and treatment for the person.
- (3) In considering the need for protection mentioned in subsection (2)(a), the court must have regard to the following:
- (a) the likelihood of the person committing another serious sex offence;
  - (b) whether it will be reasonably practicable for the Commissioner of Correctional Services to ensure that the person is appropriately managed and supervised as mentioned in section 63;
  - (c) whether adequate protection could only reasonably be provided by making a continuing detention order in relation to the person.

## **15 Further considerations if person is reportable offender**

- (1) This section applies if the person who is or will be the supervisee is a reportable offender under the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration) Act 2004*.
- (2) The court must ensure, as far as is reasonably practicable, that the requirements in the supervision order are not inconsistent with the person's obligations as a reportable offender.
- (3) The court may amend the person's prohibition order under the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration) Act 2004* to avoid an inconsistency.
- (4) When making or amending a supervision order, the court must explain to the person the effect of section 62 on his or her obligations under this Act and the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration) Act 2004*.

## **16 Duration of supervision order**

- (1) A supervision order comes into force:
  - (a) if the supervisee is a qualifying offender when the order is made – when he or she ceases to be a qualifying offender; or
  - (b) otherwise – at the time the order is made.

### *Note for subsection (1)(a)*

*If the supervisee is a qualifying offender who is subject to a parole order, the Supreme Court may allow the supervisee to serve out his or her sentence on parole before the supervision order comes into force. Alternatively, the Court may suspend or revoke the parole order under section 28(2) or 31(2) so that the supervisee serves out his or her sentence in custody before the supervision order comes into force.*

- (2) An interim supervision order remains in force until the first of the following occurs:
  - (a) the order is revoked;
  - (b) the proceeding during which the order was made or extended is finally determined;
  - (c) if an expiry date is stated in the order – the order expires.
- (3) A final supervision order remains in force until the first of the following occurs:
  - (a) the order is revoked;

(b) the order expires.

- (4) Despite subsection (3)(b), if a supervisee is returned to custody to serve a sentence of imprisonment for an offence, the period for which the order remains in force is extended by the length of time he or she is in custody serving that sentence.

## **17 Expiry date for final supervision order**

- (1) A court making a final supervision order must state in the order the date on which it will expire.
- (2) The expiry date must be at least 5 years after the date on which the order will come into force.
- (3) In deciding the expiry date, the court must disregard the fact that the period for which the order is to remain in force might be extended under section 38.

## **Subdivision 2 Requirements and directions**

### **18 Compulsory requirements**

- (1) A court making a supervision order must include in it requirements that the supervisee:
- (a) must not commit:
    - (i) a serious sex offence; or
    - (ii) an offence of a sexual nature; and
  - (b) must report to a parole officer as directed by a probation and parole officer; and
  - (c) must receive visits and accept communications from a probation and parole officer as directed by a probation and parole officer; and
  - (d) must give to a probation and parole officer information about the supervisee's place of residence and place of employment or education as directed by a probation and parole officer;
  - (e) must not leave, or stay out of, the Territory without the permission of a probation and parole officer; and
  - (f) must comply with any directions given to the supervisee under section 20, other than directions about matters stated in the order under subsection (2).



- (2) The court may state in the order matters about which a probation and parole officer cannot give the supervisee directions.
- (3) A court amending a supervision order cannot amend it to remove a requirement mentioned in subsection (1).

## **19 Optional requirements**

A court making a supervision order may include in it any other requirement on the supervisee that the court considers appropriate.

*Note for section 19*

*Sections 14 and 15 set out matters to which the court must have regard when deciding the requirements to be included in the order.*

## **20 Directions by probation and parole officers**

- (1) A probation and parole officer may give to a supervisee any direction the officer believes on reasonable grounds is appropriate.

*Note for subsection (1)*

*Section 21 sets out matters to which a probation and parole officer must have regard when deciding whether to give a direction.*

- (2) A probation and parole officer may give a direction about a matter even if there is a requirement about the matter in the supervisee's supervision order.
- (3) However, a probation and parole officer cannot give a direction:
  - (a) about a matter stated in the order under section 18(2); or
  - (b) that is directly inconsistent with a requirement in the order.
- (4) Without limiting subsection (1), a probation and parole officer may direct a supervisee to do any or all of the following:
  - (a) report to a probation and parole officer at specified times and places;
  - (b) wear an approved monitoring device;
  - (c) give a sample of the supervisee's voice for use with an approved monitoring device;
  - (d) allow the placing or installation in, and retrieval from, a specified place of anything necessary for the effective operation of an approved monitoring device;
  - (e) reside at a specified place;

- (f) remain at a specified place for specified periods;
  - (g) leave a specified place;
  - (h) participate in specified rehabilitation, care or treatment;
  - (i) do anything that is reasonably necessary to enable:
    - (i) the supervisee to be managed and supervised in the way determined by the Commissioner of Correctional Services under section 63; or
    - (ii) the supervisee's compliance with the order to be monitored and enforced.
- (5) Without limiting subsection (1), a probation and parole officer may direct a supervisee not to do any or all of the following:
- (a) reside at a specified place;
  - (b) go to a specified place or class of places either at all or during specified periods;
  - (c) associate or make contact with:
    - (i) victims of serious sex offences committed by the supervisee; or
    - (ii) the victims' families; or
    - (iii) any other specified person or class of persons;
  - (d) engage in specified employment;
  - (e) engage in specified conduct;
  - (f) consume alcohol or a drug (other than as prescribed by a health practitioner).

## **21 Considerations when giving directions**

- (1) In deciding whether to give a direction to a supervisee, a probation and parole officer must have regard to the following:
- (a) as the paramount consideration – the need to protect:
    - (i) victims of serious sex offences committed, or likely to be committed, by the supervisee; and
    - (ii) the victims' families; and

- (iii) members of the community generally;
  - (b) as a secondary consideration – the desirability of providing rehabilitation, care and treatment for the supervisee.
- (2) In considering the need for protection mentioned in subsection (1)(a), the probation and parole officer must have regard to the following:
  - (a) the need to ensure that the supervisee is managed and supervised in the way determined by the Commissioner of Correctional Services under section 63;
  - (b) the need to ensure that the supervisee's compliance with his or her supervision order is monitored and enforced.

### **Part 3                    Making continuing detention orders or supervision orders**

#### **22            Meaning of *qualifying offender***

- (1) A person is a ***qualifying offender*** if:
  - (a) he or she has been convicted of a serious sex offence; and
  - (b) either:
    - (i) he or she is under sentence of imprisonment for that offence; or
    - (ii) subsection (4) applies to him or her.
- (2) A person sentenced to imprisonment for an offence is ***under sentence of imprisonment*** if he or she:
  - (a) is in custody serving the sentence; or
  - (b) is subject to one of the following orders in relation to the offence:
    - (i) an order suspending the sentence under section 40 of the *Sentencing Act 1995*;
    - (ii) an intensive community correction order made under the *Sentencing Act 1995*;

- (iii) a home detention order or community custody order made under the *Sentencing Act 1995* as in force before the commencement of Part 2 of the *Sentencing and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022*; or
- (c) has been released from custody on parole but is taken, under section 14(1) of the *Parole Act 1971*, to be still under sentence of imprisonment for the offence.

*Note for subsection (2)(c)*

*Under section 14(1) of the Parole Act 1971, a person released on parole is taken to still be under sentence of imprisonment until the day on which the term of imprisonment to which he or she was sentenced expires.*

- (3) For subsection (1)(b)(i), it is immaterial whether the person is, at the same time, under sentence of imprisonment for another offence.
- (4) For subsection (1)(b)(ii), this subsection applies to a person if:
  - (a) he or she has served his or her sentence for the serious sex offence; and
  - (b) he or she is:
    - (i) under sentence of imprisonment for another offence; or
    - (ii) is in custody for any other reason, other than under a continuing detention order; and
  - (c) the person has not, at any time since commencing to serve the sentence mentioned in paragraph (a), ceased to be:
    - (i) under sentence of imprisonment for an offence; or
    - (ii) in custody for any other reason, other than under a continuing detention order.
- (5) It is immaterial when the serious sex offence was committed or when the person was charged with or convicted of the offence.
- (6) In this section, for a person who is under 18 years of age:

***imprisonment*** includes detention within the meaning of the *Youth Justice Act 2005*.

***in custody*** includes in detention in a detention centre as defined in section 5(1) of the *Youth Justice Act 2005*.

*Note for subsection (6)*

*Although a person who is under 18 years of age may be a qualifying offender, a final continuing detention order or final supervision order cannot come into force before the person turns 18 (see sections 10(1) and 23(2)(b)).*

### **23 Application for continuing detention order or supervision order**

- (1) The Attorney-General may apply to the Supreme Court for a final continuing detention order or final supervision order in relation to a qualifying offender.
- (2) An application cannot be made unless the offender:
  - (a) is due to cease to be a qualifying offender within 12 months; and
  - (b) will be over 18 years of age when he or she ceases to be a qualifying offender.

### **24 Setting date for preliminary hearing**

- (1) If an application is made under section 23, the Registrar of the Supreme Court must set a date for a preliminary hearing.
- (2) The date set must be not more than 28 business days after the application is made.

### **25 Preliminary hearing to determine if evidence of serious danger to the community**

- (1) At the preliminary hearing the Supreme Court must decide whether the matters alleged in the application would, if proved, satisfy the Court that the qualifying offender is a serious danger to the community.
- (2) If the Court decides that it would be satisfied, it must:
  - (a) set a date for the hearing of the application; and
  - (b) make a medical assessment order in relation to the offender naming 2 medical experts.
- (3) If the Court decides that it would not be satisfied, it must dismiss the application.

**26 Victim submissions**

If the Supreme Court sets a hearing date under section 25(2)(a):

- (a) the Attorney-General must notify the Director of the CVSU of the date; and
- (b) the Director of the CVSU must then seek victim submissions about the offender under section 83.

**27 Supervision report**

If the Supreme Court sets a hearing date under section 25(2)(a):

- (a) the Attorney-General must notify the Commissioner of Correctional Services of the date; and
- (b) the Commissioner of Correctional Services must then prepare a supervision report about the offender under section 88.

**28 Suspension of parole order**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) the Supreme Court has set a hearing date under section 25(2)(a); and
  - (b) the qualifying offender is subject to a parole order.
- (2) The Court may suspend the parole order pending determination of the application made under section 23.
- (3) A suspension remains in force until the application is finally determined or the suspension is revoked.
- (4) While a parole order is suspended it is of no effect.

**29 Qualifying offender cannot be granted parole**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) the Supreme Court has set a hearing date under section 25(2)(a); and
  - (b) the application made under section 23 has not been finally determined.
- (2) A parole order cannot be made under the *Parole Act 1971* in relation to the qualifying offender.

**30 Interim continuing detention order or interim supervision order**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) the Supreme Court has set a hearing date under section 25(2)(a); and
  - (b) the application made under section 23 has not been finally determined.
- (2) The Court may make an interim continuing detention order or interim supervision order in relation to the qualifying offender pending determination of the application.

**31 Court may make final continuing detention order or final supervision order**

- (1) On hearing an application made under section 23, the Supreme Court may make a final continuing detention order or final supervision order in relation to the qualifying offender if satisfied that the qualifying offender is a serious danger to the community.
- (2) If the Court makes a continuing detention order, it may state in the order a review period for section 65.
- (3) If the Court makes an order in relation to a person who is subject to a parole order, the Court may revoke the parole order.

**32 Onus of proof**

The Attorney-General has the onus of satisfying the Supreme Court that it is appropriate to make the final continuing detention order or final supervision order.

**Part 4 Supervision orders – extension and amendment**

**Division 1 Extension of final supervision orders**

**33 Application to extend final supervision order**

- (1) The Attorney-General may apply to the Supreme Court to amend a final supervision order to extend the duration of the order.
- (2) The application cannot be made unless the order is due to expire in less than 6 months.
- (3) The application may be combined with an application made under section 40 to make other amendments to the order.

**34 Victim submissions**

If an application is made under section 33:

- (a) the Attorney-General must notify the Director of the CVSU that the application has been made; and
- (b) the Director of the CVSU must then seek victim submissions about the supervisee under section 83.

**35 Supervision report**

If an application is made under section 33:

- (a) the Attorney-General must notify the Commissioner of Correctional Services that the application has been made; and
- (b) the Commissioner of Correctional Services must then prepare a supervision report about the supervisee under section 88.

**36 Court may make medical assessment order**

- (1) This section applies if an application has been made under section 33 but has not been finally determined.
- (2) The Supreme Court may make a medical assessment order in relation to the supervisee.
- (3) The Court may do so on application or on its own initiative.

**37 Interim extension of supervision order**

- (1) This section applies if an application has been made under section 33 but has not been finally determined.
- (2) The Supreme Court may amend the supervision order to extend the duration of the order on an interim basis pending determination of the application.

**38 Court may extend supervision order**

On hearing an application made under section 33, the Supreme Court may amend the supervision order to extend the duration of the order if satisfied that the supervisee is still a serious danger to the community.

**39 Onus of proof**

The Attorney-General has the onus of satisfying the Supreme Court that it is appropriate to extend the duration of a supervision order.



## **Division 2 Other amendments of supervision orders**

### **40 Application to amend supervision order**

- (1) The Attorney-General or a supervisee may apply to the Supreme Court to amend a supervision order.
- (2) However, an application cannot be made under this section to extend the duration of a final supervision order.
- (3) An application may be combined with an application made under section 33 to extend the duration of the order.

### **41 Victim submissions**

If an application is made under section 40:

- (a) the Attorney-General must notify the Director of the CVSU that the application has been made; and
- (b) the Director of the CVSU must then seek victim submissions about the supervisee under section 83.

### **42 Supervision reports**

If an application is made under section 40:

- (a) the Attorney-General must notify the Commissioner of Correctional Services that the application has been made; and
- (b) the Commissioner of Correctional Services must then prepare a supervision report about the supervisee under section 88.

### **43 Court may make medical assessment order**

- (1) This section applies if an application has been made under section 40 but has not been finally determined.
- (2) The Supreme Court may make a medical assessment order in relation to the supervisee.
- (3) The Court may do so on application or on its own initiative.

### **44 Court may amend supervision order**

- (1) On hearing an application made under section 40, the Supreme Court may amend the supervision order if satisfied it would be appropriate to do so.

- (2) However, the Court cannot amend the order to reduce the duration of the order to a period of less than 5 years from the date it came into force.

**45 Onus of proof**

The applicant has the onus of satisfying the Supreme Court that it is appropriate to amend a supervision order.

**Part 5 Supervision orders – compliance and enforcement**

**Division 1 Offence**

**46 Offence to contravene supervision order**

- (1) A supervisee must not engage in conduct that results in a contravention of a requirement of his or her supervision order.

Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units or imprisonment for 2 years.

- (2) It is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against subsection (1) if the defendant establishes a reasonable excuse.

**46A Application of section 123 *Police Administration Act 1978***

To avoid doubt, section 123 of the *Police Administration Act 1978* applies in relation to an offence under section 46.

**Division 2 Contravention of supervision order**

**47 Application of Division**

This Division applies in relation to an alleged contravention whether or not the supervisee is charged with, or convicted of, an offence under section 46 in relation to the contravention.

**48 Officer may apply for warrant or summons**

- (1) If a police officer or probation and parole officer suspects on reasonable grounds that a supervisee has contravened, is contravening or is likely to contravene, a requirement of his or her supervision order (the ***alleged contravention***), the officer may apply to a Supreme Court Judge for a warrant or summons under section 49.

- (2) An application for a warrant must be made by information on oath or by telephone under section 50.
- (3) An application for a summons must be made in writing.

#### **49 Warrant or summons to appear before Supreme Court**

- (1) If satisfied there are reasonable grounds for suspecting the alleged contravention has occurred, is occurring or is likely to occur, the Supreme Court Judge must issue:
  - (a) a warrant for the supervisee to be arrested and brought before the Supreme Court for the Court to consider the alleged contravention; or
  - (b) a summons for the supervisee to attend before the Supreme Court for the Court to consider the alleged contravention.
- (2) However, on an application for a warrant the Supreme Court Judge must not issue a summons unless:
  - (a) the applicant consents; or
  - (b) the Supreme Court Judge is satisfied there are exceptional circumstances.
- (3) The warrant or summons must state the alleged contravention, but may do so in general terms.
- (4) A copy of the warrant or summons must be given to the Attorney-General within 24 hours after it is issued by:
  - (a) if the applicant is a police officer – the Commissioner of Police; or
  - (b) if the applicant is a probation and parole officer – the Commissioner of Correctional Services.
- (5) However, a failure to comply with subsection (4) does not affect the validity of the warrant or summons or any order made under this Division.

#### **50 Warrant may be issued by telephone**

Section 122 of the *Police Administration Act 1978* applies in relation to a warrant under section 49 as if:

- (a) the warrant were being sought under that Act; and
- (b) a reference in section 122 of that Act to a justice of the peace were a reference to a Supreme Court Judge; and

- (c) if the applicant is not a police officer – the applicant were a police officer.

**51 Arrested supervisee to be brought before Supreme Court**

- (1) This section applies if a supervisee is arrested under a warrant issued under section 49.
- (2) The Attorney-General must ensure that, as soon as practicable after the supervisee is arrested, he or she is brought before the Supreme Court for the Court to consider the alleged contravention.
- (3) The arrested supervisee cannot be granted bail under the *Bail Act 1982*.

**52 Interim continuing detention order at initial hearing of arrested supervisee**

When a supervisee arrested under a warrant issued under section 49 first appears before the Supreme Court, the Court must do one of the following:

- (a) make an interim continuing detention order in relation to the supervisee pending the Court's consideration of the alleged contravention under section 58;
- (b) make an order under section 53(3).

**53 Release of arrested supervisee on continued supervision**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) a supervisee arrested under a warrant issued under section 49 has been brought before the Supreme Court (whether or not the Court has made an order under section 52(a)); and
  - (b) the Court has not completed its consideration of the alleged contravention under section 58.
- (2) The supervisee may apply to the Court to be released pending the Court's consideration of the alleged contravention.
- (3) The Court may order the release of the supervisee only if satisfied there are exceptional circumstances.
- (4) The supervisee has the onus of satisfying the Court that there are exceptional circumstances.

- (5) If it orders the release of the supervisee, the Court:
  - (a) must revoke any interim continuing detention order made under section 52(a); and
  - (b) may amend the supervisee's supervision order as the Court considers appropriate.

#### **54 Interim continuing detention order if proceeding adjourned**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) a supervisee has appeared before the Supreme Court in accordance with a summons issued under section 49; and
  - (b) the Court has not completed its consideration of the alleged contravention under section 58.
- (2) This section also applies if:
  - (a) an arrested supervisee was released under section 53; and
  - (b) the Court has not completed its consideration of the alleged contravention under section 58; and
  - (c) the Court is no longer satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances as mentioned in section 53(3).
- (3) The Court may make an interim continuing detention order in relation to the supervisee pending completion of the Court's consideration of the alleged contravention.

#### **55 Victim submissions**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) a supervisee is arrested under a warrant issued under section 49; or
  - (b) a summons is issued under section 49.
- (2) The Attorney-General must notify the Director of the CVSU of the arrest or issuing of the summons.
- (3) The Director of the CVSU must then seek victim submissions about the supervisee under section 83.

## **56 Supervision report**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) a supervisee is arrested under a warrant issued under section 49; or
  - (b) a summons is issued under section 49.
- (2) The Attorney-General must notify the Commissioner of Correctional Services of the arrest or issuing of the summons.
- (3) The Commissioner of Correctional Services must then prepare a supervision report about the supervisee under section 88.

## **57 Court may make medical assessment order**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) either:
    - (i) a supervisee is arrested under a warrant issued under section 49; or
    - (ii) a summons is issued under section 49; and
  - (b) the Supreme Court has not completed its consideration of the alleged contravention under section 58.
- (2) The Court may make a medical assessment order in relation to the supervisee.
- (3) The Court may do so on application or on its own initiative.

## **58 Orders on consideration of alleged contravention**

- (1) On considering an alleged contravention, if the Supreme Court is satisfied the supervisee has contravened, is contravening, or is likely to contravene, his or her supervision order, the Court must:
  - (a) revoke the supervision order; and
  - (b) make:
    - (i) if the revoked order was an interim supervision order – an interim continuing detention order pending determination of the proceeding in which the supervision order was made; or
    - (ii) if the revoked order was a final supervision order – a final continuing detention order.

- (2) However, the Court is not required to make the orders mentioned in subsection (1) if satisfied it would not be appropriate to do so.

**59 Court may amend supervision order if continuing detention order not made**

- (1) This section applies if, on considering the alleged contravention, the Supreme Court:
- (a) is not satisfied that the supervisee has contravened, is contravening or is likely to contravene, his or her supervision order; or
  - (b) decides under section 58(2) not to make the orders mentioned in section 58(1).
- (2) The Court:
- (a) must revoke any interim continuing detention order made under section 52 or 54; and
  - (b) may amend the supervision order as it considers appropriate.

*Note for section 59*

*If an interim continuing detention order is revoked under subsection (2)(a), the supervisee will be released from custody but will still be subject to his or her supervision order.*

**60 Onus of proof**

- (1) The Attorney-General has the onus of satisfying the Supreme Court that the supervisee has contravened, is contravening or is likely to contravene, his or her supervision order.
- (2) The supervisee has the onus of satisfying the Court that it would not be appropriate to make the orders mentioned in section 58(1).

**Division 3 General matters about compliance and enforcement**

**61 Effect of detention**

- (1) This section applies if:
- (a) a supervisee is in custody; and
  - (b) because he or she is in custody, it is not reasonably practicable for the supervisee to comply with his or her supervision order.

- (2) The supervisee need not comply with his or her supervision order to the extent that being in custody makes it not reasonably practicable to do so.

**62 Inconsistency between supervision order and similar obligations**

- (1) This section applies if:
- (a) a supervisee is any of the following:
    - (i) a reportable offender as defined in section 6(1) of the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration) Act 2004*;
    - (ii) subject to an order under Part 3, 4 or 5 of the *Sentencing Act 1995*;
    - (iii) subject to a domestic violence order under the *Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007*;
    - (iv) under any other Act, subject to an obligation relating to a matter that is the subject of a requirement in his or her supervision order; and
  - (b) it is not reasonably practicable for the supervisee to comply with his or her supervision order and his or her obligations under the Act mentioned in paragraph (a) (the **other obligations**).
- (2) The supervisee:
- (a) must comply with his or her supervision order; and
  - (b) need not comply with his or her other obligations to the extent that compliance with the supervision order makes it not reasonably practicable to do so.

**63 Commissioner of Correctional Services must ensure proper supervision**

- (1) The Commissioner of Correctional Services must ensure that a supervisee is managed and supervised by probation and parole officers in a way that is appropriate.



- (2) In deciding what is appropriate the Commissioner must have regard to the following:
- (a) as the paramount consideration – the need to protect:
    - (i) victims of serious sex offences committed, or likely to be committed, by the supervisee; and
    - (ii) the victims' families; and
    - (iii) members of the community generally;
  - (b) as a secondary consideration – the desirability of providing rehabilitation, care and treatment for the supervisee.
- (3) In considering the need for protection mentioned in subsection (2)(a), the Commissioner must have regard to the need to ensure that the supervisee's compliance with his or her supervision order is monitored and enforced.

#### **64 Powers for supervising supervisees**

- (1) A probation and parole officer may exercise the officer's powers under section 171 of the *Correctional Services Act 2014* as if a supervision order were a monitoring order.
- (1A) However, the officer must not:
- (a) exercise a power under section 170(2)(d) or (e) of the *Correctional Services Act 2014* unless the supervisee is subject to a monitoring obligation; or
  - (b) direct a supervisee under section 171 of the *Correctional Services Act 2014* to submit to a prescribed alcohol/drug test unless the supervisee is subject to an alcohol or drug obligation.
- (2) In this section:

**alcohol or drug obligation** means a requirement in, or direction given under, a supervision order that the supervisee not consume alcohol or a drug.

**monitoring obligation** means a requirement in, or direction given under, a supervision order that subjects the supervisee to monitoring using an approved monitoring device.

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## **Part 6                      Continuing detention orders – review of final orders**

### **65                      Application for review by Attorney-General**

- (1) The Attorney-General must apply to the Supreme Court for a review of a final continuing detention order:
  - (a) if the order has not previously been reviewed – before the expiry of the review period from the date the order came into force; or
  - (b) if the order has previously been reviewed – before the expiry of the review period from the date the most recent previous review was concluded.

- (2) In this section:

***review period*** means 2 years or any shorter period of between 1 and 2 years stated in the order.

### **66                      Application for review by detainee**

- (1) A detainee may apply to the Supreme Court for a review of a continuing detention order if:
  - (a) the order has been in force for at least 2 years; and
  - (b) the Court grants leave for the application to be made.
- (2) The Court may grant leave only if satisfied there are exceptional circumstances.
- (3) The detainee has the onus of satisfying the Court that there are exceptional circumstances.

### **67                      Setting day for review hearing**

- (1) If an application is made under section 65 or 66, the Registrar of the Supreme Court must set a date for the hearing.
- (2) The date set must be as soon as practicable after the application is made.

### **68                      Victim submissions**

If the Supreme Court sets a hearing date under section 67:

- (a) the Attorney-General must notify the Director of the CVSU of the date; and

- (b) the Director of the CVSU must then seek victim submissions about the detainee under section 83.

## **69 Supervision report**

If the Supreme Court sets a hearing date under section 67:

- (a) the Attorney-General must notify the Commissioner of Correctional Services of the date; and
- (b) the Commissioner of Correctional Services must then prepare a supervision report about the detainee under section 88.

## **70 Court may make medical assessment order**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) an application has been made under section 65 or 66; and
  - (b) the Supreme Court has not made an order under section 71.
- (2) The Court may make a medical assessment order in relation to the detainee.
- (3) The Court may do so on application or on its own initiative.

## **71 Orders on review**

- (1) On hearing an application made under section 65 or 66, the Supreme Court must do one of the following:
  - (a) revoke the continuing detention order;
  - (b) revoke the continuing detention order and make a final supervision order in relation to the detainee;
  - (c) confirm the continuing detention order.
- (2) The Court must not make an order under subsection (1)(b) or (c) unless satisfied that the detainee is still a serious danger to the community.
- (3) If the Court confirms the continuing detention order, it may amend the order to change the review period for section 65.

## **72 Onus of proof**

The Attorney-General has the onus of satisfying the Supreme Court that it is appropriate to confirm the continuing detention order or make a final supervision order.

## **Part 7                    Revocation of orders**

### **73                    Application to revoke order by Attorney-General**

The Attorney-General may apply to the Supreme Court to revoke a continuing detention order or supervision order.

### **74                    Application to revoke by detainee or supervisee**

- (1) A detainee or supervisee may apply to the Supreme Court to revoke a continuing detention order or supervision order if the Court grants leave for the application to be made.
- (2) The Court may grant leave only if satisfied there are exceptional circumstances.
- (3) The detainee or supervisee has the onus of satisfying the Court that there are exceptional circumstances.

### **75                    Victim submissions**

If an application is made under section 73 or 74:

- (a) the Attorney-General must notify the Director of the CVSU that the application has been made; and
- (b) the Director of the CVSU must then seek victim submissions about the detainee or supervisee under section 83.

### **76                    Court may make medical assessment order**

- (1) This section applies if an application has been made under section 73 or 74 but has not been finally determined.
- (2) The Supreme Court may make a medical assessment order in relation to the detainee or supervisee.
- (3) The Court may do so on application or on its own initiative.

### **77                    Court may revoke order**

On hearing an application made under section 73 or 74, the Supreme Court may revoke the continuing detention order or supervision order if satisfied that the grounds for making the order no longer exist.

### **78                    Onus of proof**

The applicant has the onus of satisfying the Supreme Court that it is appropriate to revoke a continuing detention order or supervision order.

## **Part 8 Medical assessments and victim submissions**

### **Division 1 Medical assessment orders and reports**

#### **79 Medical assessment orders**

- (1) A **medical assessment order** is an order that the person about whom it is made submit to being examined by each of 1 or 2 medical experts named in the order.
- (2) A medical assessment order also has effect:
  - (a) to authorise each expert to examine the person; and
  - (b) to require each expert to:
    - (i) prepare a report about the person (a **medical report**); and
    - (ii) give the report to the Attorney-General by the date stated in the order.
- (3) The expert must prepare the report even if the person does not cooperate with the expert.
- (4) The expert must have regard to all information given to him or her under section 80.
- (5) A medical report must set out the following:
  - (a) the expert's opinion of the risk of the person committing another serious sex offence if he or she is not detained in custody or subject to a supervision order;
  - (b) the expert's reasons for that opinion;
  - (c) the extent to which the person cooperated with the expert.
- (6) A medical expert cannot be named in a medical assessment order if he or she is a public sector employee in the Agency administering the *Correctional Services Act 2004*.

*Note for section 79*

*A medical assessment order may be made under section 25(2)(b), 36(2), 43(2), 57(2), 70(2) or 76.*

#### **80 Information to be given to medical expert**

- (1) The Commissioner of Correctional Services must give to a medical expert named in a medical assessment order all relevant

information (including medical or custodial correctional facility reports) that is in the Commissioner's possession or to which the Commissioner has, or may be given, access.

- (2) On the written request of the Commissioner, a person in possession or control of the information must give the information to the Commissioner.
- (3) However, subsections (1) and (2) do not require:
  - (a) the Commissioner to give to an expert information that has previously been given to the expert; or
  - (b) a person to give to the Commissioner information he or she has previously given to the Commissioner.
- (4) If a person fails to give the information to the Commissioner when requested, the Supreme Court may, on application by the Commissioner, order the person to do so.
- (5) A person who gives information under this section is not liable, civilly, criminally or under an administrative process, for giving the information.

**81 Report to be given to person being assessed**

The Attorney-General must give a copy of a medical report to the person to whom it relates before the end of the next business day after the Attorney-General receives the report.

**82 Report to be produced to court**

If a court makes a medical assessment order:

- (a) a resulting medical report is admissible as evidence in relation to a matter mentioned in section 6(2), 9 or 14; and
- (b) the Attorney-General must tender the report in evidence.

**Division 2 Victim submissions**

**83 Seeking submissions from victims**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) the Director of the CVSU is required under section 26, 34, 41, 55, 68 or 75 to seek victim submissions about a person (the **offender**); and

- (b) the offender is an offender to whom Part 4 of the *Victims of Crime Rights and Services Act 2006* applies; and
  - (c) one or more persons are registered in the Victims Register in relation to the offender (each a **registered person**).
- (2) As soon as practicable after the requirement to seek submissions arises, the Director must give each registered person a written notice:
- (a) informing the person:
    - (i) for section 26, 34, 41, 68 or 75 – that an application has been made in relation to the offender, and of the nature of the application and the hearing date; or
    - (ii) for section 55 – that the offender has been arrested or summonsed and of the date of the hearing under section 58; and
  - (b) inviting the person to make a submission about the offender as mentioned in section 84; and
  - (c) informing the person of the effect of sections 85 and 86; and
  - (d) informing the person that any submission must:
    - (i) be in writing; and
    - (ii) be given to the Director by the date stated in the notice (the **closing date**); and
    - (iii) if the person wishes to consent to the submission being disclosed to the offender – include a statement consenting to the disclosure.
- (3) However, the Director is not required to give notice to a registered person who has previously informed the Director that he or she does not wish to receive notices under this Act about the offender.
- (4) As soon as practicable after the closing date, the Director must give to the Attorney-General:
- (a) a copy of each submission received from a registered person before the closing date; or
  - (b) if no submissions are received – notice of that fact.

**84 Content of victim submissions**

- (1) In a *victim submission* a registered person may set out his or her views about any of the following:
  - (a) the impact the offender's offending has had on the victim or other persons;
  - (b) whether the offender is a serious danger to the community;
  - (c) whether the offender should be subject to a continuing detention order or supervision order;
  - (d) if the offender is to be subject to a supervision order, what the terms of the order should be;
  - (e) any other matter prescribed by regulation.
- (2) A person who makes a submission may amend or withdraw it.

**85 Victim submissions to be produced to court**

If the Director of the CVSU receives a victim submission under section 83:

- (a) the Director must give the submission to the Attorney-General; and
- (b) the submission is admissible as evidence in relation to a matter mentioned in section 6(2), 9 or 14; and
- (c) the Attorney-General must tender the submission in evidence.

**86 Victim submissions not to be disclosed without consent**

- (1) This section applies if a person makes a victim submission but has not given written consent for it to be disclosed to the offender.
- (2) Neither a court, the Director of the CVSU nor the Attorney-General may disclose the submission to the offender.
- (3) A court:
  - (a) may have regard to the submission; and
  - (b) in deciding the weight to be given to the statement, may have regard to the absence of consent and the non-disclosure to the offender.



- (4) A court may disclose the substance of the statement to the offender, or the offender's legal representative, but only if satisfied that doing so could not reasonably be expected to lead to the identification of the victim or the registered person.

**87            No inference to be drawn from no victim submission**

- (1) The fact that a victim submission has not been received from a particular victim (or a registered person for the victim) does not, of itself, give rise to an inference:
- (a) that the offender's offending had little or no impact on the victim or registered person; or
  - (b) that the victim or registered person has no interest in the outcome of the proceeding.
- (2) The fact that no victim submissions have been received does not, of itself, give rise to an inference:
- (a) that no person has suffered harm as a result of the offender's offending; or
  - (b) that the offender is not a serious danger to the community; or
  - (c) that the offender should not be subject to a continuing detention order or supervision order.

**Division 3            Supervision reports**

**88            Commissioner of Correctional Services to prepare report for Attorney-General**

- (1) This section applies if the Commissioner of Correctional Services is required under section 27, 35, 42, 56 or 69 to prepare a supervision report about a person.
- (2) As soon as practicable after the requirement to prepare the report arises, the Commissioner must:
- (a) prepare a written report in accordance with subsection (3); and
  - (b) give the report to the Attorney-General.
- (3) The report:
- (a) must include the Commissioner's opinion as to whether, if a supervision order is made in relation to the person or the person's supervision order is continued in force, it would be

reasonably practicable for the Commissioner to ensure that the person is appropriately managed and supervised as required under section 63; and

- (b) may include any requirements that, in the Commissioner's opinion, ought to be included in the order if it is made or continued in force; and
- (c) must include the grounds for the Commissioner's opinions under paragraphs (a) and (b).

**89            Report to be produced to court**

If a report is required to be prepared under section 88:

- (a) the report is admissible as evidence in relation to a matter mentioned in section 9 or 14; and
- (b) the Attorney-General must tender the report in evidence.

**Part 9            Procedure**

**Division 1       Applications**

**90            Form and content of applications**

- (1) An application to a court under this Act must:
  - (a) state the terms of the order being sought; and
  - (b) be accompanied by any affidavits the applicant intends to rely on in relation to the application; and
  - (c) subject to this Act, be made in accordance with the *Supreme Court Act 1979*.
- (2) The applicant must serve the application (including any accompanying documents) on the respondent within 7 business days of the application being filed.

**91            Respondent may file affidavits in response**

- (1) If the respondent intends to rely on an affidavit in relation to the application, the respondent must:
  - (a) file the affidavit with the court; and
  - (b) serve a copy of it on the applicant.

- (2) The affidavit must be filed and served within the time allowed by the Court or the Registrar of the Supreme Court.

**92            Content of affidavits**

- (1) An affidavit must be confined to evidence the person making it could give if giving evidence orally.
- (2) However, an affidavit may contain statements based on information and belief if the person states the sources of the information and the grounds for the belief.

**93            Discontinuance**

- (1) This section applies if:
  - (a) a person has made an application to a court under this Act; and
  - (b) the application has not been finally determined.
- (2) The applicant may discontinue the application by filing a notice of discontinuance at the court.
- (3) The application is taken to have been finally determined when the notice is filed.

**Division 2            General matters**

**94            Nature of proceedings**

- (1) All proceedings under this Act (including a proceeding under Part 5, Division 2) are civil proceedings.
- (2) An application for a warrant or summons made under section 48 is an ex parte proceeding.
- (3) The parties to any other proceeding are:
  - (a) in a proceeding under Part 3 – the Attorney-General and the person in relation to whom the continuing detention order or supervision order is sought; and
  - (b) in a proceeding relating to a continuing detention order or supervision order – the Attorney-General and the detainee or supervisee.
- (4) The proceedings are to be conducted in accordance with the law (including the law of evidence) applicable to civil proceedings unless this Act provides otherwise.

- (5) This section does not apply in relation to a prosecution for an offence.

**95 Standard of proof**

- (1) The standard of proof as to whether a person is a serious danger to the community is as mentioned in section 7(1).
- (2) The standard of proof for all other matters under this Act is the balance of probabilities.
- (3) This section does not apply in relation to a prosecution for an offence.

**96 Duty of Attorney-General to disclose relevant material**

- (1) In a civil proceeding under this Act, the Attorney-General has the same duty to disclose relevant material as the prosecution has in a criminal proceeding.
- (2) The Attorney-General must disclose the material as soon as practicable after the proceeding commences.
- (3) In this section:

***relevant material*** means information and things that are relevant to the proceeding and that are in the possession of, or available to, the Attorney-General or Commissioner of Correctional Services, whether or not intended to be tendered in evidence.

**97 Evidence**

- (1) This section applies in relation to a civil proceeding under this Act.
- (2) If it is relevant, any of the following is admissible as evidence in relation to a matter mentioned in section 6(2), 9 or 14:
- (a) a medical, psychiatric or psychological report about the affected person;
- (b) evidence of the affected person's criminal history in the Territory or elsewhere;
- (c) evidence of the extent to which the affected person has complied with any of the following that apply, or have previously applied, to the affected person:
- (i) a supervision order;
- (ii) the *Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Registration) Act 2004*;

- (iii) an order under Part 3, 4 or 5 of the *Sentencing Act 1995*;
  - (iv) a domestic violence order under the *Domestic and Family Violence Act 2007*;
  - (v) a parole order;
  - (vi) conditions imposed on a grant of bail under the *Bail Act 1982*;
- (d) evidence of whether the affected person has made efforts to address causes of his or her offending behaviour and, if so, the effectiveness of those efforts;
- (e) a transcript of any proceeding against the affected person for a serious sex offence;
- (f) the reasons for decision or sentencing remarks of the sentencing court when the affected person was sentenced for a serious sex offence;
- (g) statistical information as to the likelihood of persons with histories and characteristics similar to those of the affected person committing serious sex offences.
- (3) This section does not:
- (a) require a party to a proceeding to tender evidence mentioned in subsection (2); or
  - (b) prevent a party to a proceeding from tendering any other evidence.

- (4) In this section:

***affected person*** means:

- (a) in a proceeding under Part 3 – the person in relation to whom the continuing detention order or supervision order is sought;  
or
- (b) otherwise – the detainee or supervisee.

*Notes for section 97*

- 1     *Sections 82 and 85 require the Attorney-General to tender in evidence medical reports prepared under medical assessment orders and victim submissions.*
- 2     *In a criminal proceeding for an offence against this Act, the ordinary rules of evidence applicable in criminal proceedings will apply.*

**98 Records as evidence of supervisee's conduct**

- (1) This section applies in relation to any civil or criminal proceeding in which a supervisee's compliance with a supervision order is relevant.
- (2) If they are relevant, the following are admissible as evidence of the supervisee's conduct:
  - (a) records generated by or through an approved monitoring device;
  - (b) notebooks, diaries or other records kept by a probation and parole officer.

**99 Certain matters may be decided on papers**

- (1) This section applies in relation to the following proceedings:
  - (a) a preliminary hearing under section 25;
  - (b) an application to extend a final supervision order on an interim basis under section 37;
  - (c) an application to amend a supervision order under Part 4, Division 2.
- (2) The Supreme Court may determine the matter entirely or partly from a consideration of the documents filed in relation to the matter, without the affected person or witnesses appearing.
- (3) The Court may do so without the affected person consenting to, or being heard on, the matter being decided in that way.
- (4) In this section:

***affected person*** means:

- (a) for a preliminary hearing under section 25 – the person in relation to whom the continuing detention order or supervision order is sought; or
- (b) otherwise – the detainee or supervisee.

**100 Court may give directions**

In any proceeding under this Act a court may give directions in relation to the conduct of the proceeding on application or on its own initiative.

**101 Court must give reasons for final order**

When making a final continuing detention order or final supervision order a court must give detailed reasons for making the order.

**Part 10 Appeals****102 Right of appeal**

- (1) The Attorney-General or a person in relation to whom the Supreme Court makes a decision under this Act (the **original decision**) may appeal to the Court of Appeal against that decision.
- (2) The appeal may be on matter of fact, law or fact and law.

*Note for section 102*

*The Rules of Court under the Supreme Court Act 1979 set out the procedure for making an appeal, including the form and content of the notice of appeal and requirements for service.*

**103 Appeal does not stay decision**

An appeal against a decision does not stay the operation of the original decision unless the Court of Appeal orders otherwise.

**104 Nature of appeal**

- (1) The appeal is to be by way of rehearing and is not an appeal de novo.
- (2) The Court of Appeal may receive further evidence as it considers appropriate.

**105 Interim orders pending hearing of appeal**

- (1) This section applies if an appeal has been made under section 102 but has not been finally determined.
- (2) The Court of Appeal may make an interim continuing detention order or interim supervision order in relation to the person the subject of the original decision pending determination of the appeal.

**106 Decision on appeal**

- (1) After hearing an appeal, the Court of Appeal must do one of the following:
  - (a) confirm the original decision;
  - (b) vary the original decision;

- (c) set aside the original decision;
  - (d) set aside the original decision and replace it with the Court of Appeal's own decision;
  - (e) set aside the original decision and remit the matter back to the Supreme Court for reconsideration.
- (2) If it remits a matter under subsection (1)(e), the Court of Appeal may give directions to the Supreme Court as it considers appropriate.
- (3) The Court of Appeal may make any ancillary orders it considers appropriate.

### **107 Interim orders pending rehearing after appeal**

- (1) This section applies if the Court of Appeal has remitted a matter to the Supreme Court under section 106(1)(e) but the matter has not been heard by the Supreme Court.
- (2) The Court of Appeal may make an interim continuing detention order or interim supervision order in relation to the person the subject of the remitted matter pending the hearing of the matter by the Supreme Court.

## **Part 11 General matters**

### **108 Name changes**

- (1) A person commits an offence if:
- (a) the person applies under a name registration Act to register a change of the name of a detainee or supervisee; and
  - (b) the Commissioner of Correctional Services has not given written permission for the application to be made.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units or imprisonment for 6 months.

- (2) An offence against subsection (1) is an offence of strict liability.
- (3) In deciding whether to give the permission for subsection (1)(b), the Commissioner must have regard to each of the following:
- (a) as the paramount consideration – the need to protect:
    - (i) victims of serious sex offences committed, or likely to be committed, by the person; and



- (ii) the victims' families; and
  - (iii) members of the community generally;
- (b) as a secondary consideration – the rehabilitation, care and treatment of the detainee or supervisee.
- (4) In considering the need for protection mentioned in subsection (3)(a), the Commissioner must have regard to the following:
- (a) whether the proposed name change could be used to further an unlawful activity or purpose;
  - (b) whether the proposed name change could be considered offensive to victims of serious sex offences committed by the detainee or supervisee or the victims' families.
- (5) In this section:

***name registration Act*** means the *Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996* or an Act of another jurisdiction that allows a person to register a change of his or her name.

*Note for section 108*

*If a change of name is registered under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996 without the permission of the Commissioner of Correctional Services, the Commissioner may direct the amendment be reversed (see section 27A of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996).*

**109 Commissioner of Correctional Services to provide information to Attorney-General**

- (1) On request by the Attorney-General, the Commissioner of Correctional Services must give to the Attorney-General any information in the possession or control of the Commissioner that is reasonably necessary to enable the Attorney-General to perform the Attorney-General's functions under this Act.
- (2) A person who gives the requested information to the Attorney-General is not liable, civilly, criminally or under an administrative process, for giving the information.

**110 Attorney-General may obtain information from other persons**

- (1) On the written request of the Attorney-General, a person in possession or control of information that relates to the behaviour, or physical or mental condition, of a qualifying offender, supervisee or detainee must give the information to the Attorney-General.

- (2) If a person fails to give the information to the Attorney-General when requested, the Supreme Court may, on application by the Attorney-General, order the person to do so.
- (3) A person who gives information under this section is not liable, civilly, criminally or under an administrative process, for giving the information.

### **111 Costs of damage to equipment recoverable by Territory**

If a supervisee damages an approved monitoring device or an associated device, machine or equipment:

- (a) the supervisee is liable to pay the costs of repairing or replacing the device, machine or equipment; and
- (b) the costs may be recovered from the supervisee as a debt due to the Territory.

### **112 Offence to disclose certain information**

- (1) A person commits an offence if:
  - (a) the person:
    - (i) obtains information in the course of performing a function connected with the administration of this Act or exercising a power under this Act; or
    - (ii) is given information under section 112A; and
  - (b) the information is confidential and the person is reckless in relation to that circumstance; and
  - (c) the person intentionally engages in conduct; and
  - (d) the conduct results in the disclosure of the information and the disclosure is not:
    - (i) for a purpose connected with the administration of this Act, including a legal proceeding arising out of the operation of this Act; or
    - (ii) to a person who is otherwise entitled to the information; or
    - (iii) authorised under section 112A; and

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- (e) the person is reckless in relation to the result and circumstance referred to in paragraph (d).

Maximum penalty: 200 penalty units or imprisonment for 2 years.

- (2) Strict liability applies to subsection (1)(a).
- (3) If the information referred to in subsection (1) relates to a person, it is a defence to a prosecution for an offence against that subsection if the person has consented to the disclosure of the information.

*Note for subsection (3)*

*In addition to the circumstances mentioned in this section, a person who discloses information mentioned in this section will not be criminally responsible for an offence if the disclosure is justified or excused by or under a law (see section 43BE of the Criminal Code).*

## **112A Authorised disclosures of information**

- (1) A person who obtains confidential information in the course of exercising a power or performing a function connected with the administration of this Act may disclose that confidential information to another person if the person believes on reasonable grounds the disclosure is necessary to:
- (a) enable the other person to:
- (i) facilitate the rehabilitation, care or treatment of a relevant person; or
  - (ii) make an assessment of the other person's capacity to facilitate the rehabilitation, care or treatment of a relevant person; or
- (b) reduce the risk of a relevant person committing a serious sex offence or an offence of a sexual nature or engaging in any conduct that threatens the safety of any person; or
- (c) lessen or prevent a serious threat to the life, health, safety or welfare of any person.
- (2) The Commissioner of Correctional Services must make guidelines in relation to the disclosure of information under this section to ensure that disclosures are limited to the greatest extent that is possible without interfering with the objects of this Act.
- (3) In this section:

***relevant person*** means a detainee, a supervisee or a person in relation to whom an application under section 23 has been made.

**112B Protection from liability**

- (1) A person is not civilly or criminally liable for an act done or omitted to be done by the person in good faith in the exercise of a power or performance of a function by the person under this Act.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not affect any liability the Territory would, apart from that subsection, have for the act or omission.
- (3) In this section:

**exercise** of a power includes the purported exercise of the power.

**performance** of a function includes the purported performance of the function.

**113 Regulations**

The Administrator may make regulations under this Act.

**Part 12 Transitional matters for Serious Sex Offenders Amendment Act 2021****114 Definitions**

In this Part:

**amending Act** means the *Serious Sex Offenders Amendment Act 2021*.

**commencement** means the commencement of section 3 of the amending Act.

**115 Application of section 22**

To avoid doubt, for the purposes of section 22, it is immaterial when a serious sex offence, as defined after the commencement, was committed or when a person was charged or convicted of the offence.

**116 Application of section 104**

Section 104, as in force after the commencement, applies in relation to an appeal made after the commencement.

**117 Supervision orders made before commencement**

- (1) On commencement, a requirement in an existing supervision order that a supervisee must not commit a serious sex offence or an offence of a sexual nature is taken to be a requirement that the

supervisee must not commit a serious sex offence or an offence of a sexual nature as those terms are defined after the commencement.

- (2) However, a supervisee does not contravene a requirement of the supervisee's existing supervision order if, before the commencement, the supervisee committed an offence that was not a serious sex offence or an offence of a sexual nature at the time the offence was committed.

- (3) In this section:

***existing supervision order*** means a supervision order that was made before the commencement and is in force on or after the commencement.

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## Schedule 1 Serious sex offences

section 4, definition *serious sex offence*

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### Criminal Code

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| section 125B | If the person produces child abuse material |
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| section 125D,<br>186B, 201, 202B,<br>202C, 202D, 208H,<br>208HA, 208HB,<br>208J, 208JA,<br>208JB, 208JC,<br>208JD, 208JE,<br>208JF, 208JG,<br>208JH, 208JI,<br>208K, 208KA or<br>208KB |  |
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| section 208LB,<br>208LC or 208LD | If the victim is under 16 years |
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| section 208MA | If the victim is under 18 years |
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### *Sex Industry Act 2019*

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**Criminal Code (Cth)**


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| <b>Provision of Act</b> | <b>Qualification</b>  |
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| section 271.4           | If the first-mentioned person intends or is reckless as to whether the other person will be used to provide sexual services |
| section 271.7           | If the first person intends or is reckless as to whether the other person will be used to provide sexual services           |
| section 272.8           |   |
| section 272.9           |   |
| section 272.10          |   |
| section 272.11          |   |
| section 272.12          |   |
| section 272.13          |   |
| section 272.14          |   |
| section 272.15          |   |
| section 272.15A         |   |
| section 272.18          |   |
| section 272.19          |   |
| section 273.6           | If the person produces child abuse material   |
| section 273.7           |   |
| section 471.20          | If the person produces child abuse material   |
| section 471.22          |   |
| section 471.24          |   |
| section 471.25          |   |
| section 471.25A         |   |
| section 471.26          |   |
| section 474.19          | If the person transmits child pornography material  |

section 474.22 If the person transmits child abuse material

section 474.23 If the person produces child abuse material

section 474.24A

section 474.25A

section 474.25B

section 474.26

section 474.27

section 474.27AA

section 474.27A

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## Schedule 2 Offences of a sexual nature

section 4, definition **offence of a sexual nature**, paragraph (b)

*Note for Schedule 2*

*Serious sex offences are also offences of a sexual nature (see section 4, definition **offence of a sexual nature**, paragraph (a)).*

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### Criminal Code

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| Provision of Act              | Qualification   |
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| section 125B                  | If the person sells, distributes or possesses, or offers or advertises for sale or distribution, child abuse material |
| section 176                   | If the offence intended to be committed or facilitated is a serious sex offence                                       |
| section 193                   | If the offence intended to be committed is a serious sex offence  |
| section 208HC or 208HD        |   |
| section 208LB, 208LC or 208LD | If the victim is 16 years or more   |
| section 208MA                 | If the victim is 18 years or more   |
| section 208N                  |   |
| section 220 or 221            | If the offence intended to be committed is a serious sex offence  |

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### **Summary Offences Act 1923**

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| Provision of Act | Qualification                |
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| section 47AC     | Loitering by sexual offender |

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### **Criminal Code (Cth)**

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| Provision of Act | Qualification |
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| section 272.20   |               |

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| section 273.6   | If the person possesses or controls or distributes or obtains child abuse material   |
| section 273A.1  |  |
| section 471.19  |  |
| section 471.20  | If the person possesses or controls, or supplies or obtains child abuse material   |
| section 474.22  | If the person accesses child abuse material, causes child abuse material to be transmitted to himself or herself, makes available, publishes, distributes, advertises or promotes child abuse material, or solicits child abuse material |
| section 474.22A |  |
| section 474.23  | If the person possess or controls, or supplies or obtains child abuse material   |
| section 474.23A |  |
| section 474.25C |  |

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***Customs Act 1901 (Cth)***

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| <b>Provision of Act</b> | <b>Qualification</b> |
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| section 233BAB | If the tier 2 goods are items of child abuse material |
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**ENDNOTES**
**1 KEY**

Key to abbreviations

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>amd = amended</b>         | <b>od = order</b>                   |
| <b>app = appendix</b>        | <b>om = omitted</b>                 |
| <b>bl = by-law</b>           | <b>pt = Part</b>                    |
| <b>ch = Chapter</b>          | <b>r = regulation/rule</b>          |
| <b>cl = clause</b>           | <b>rem = remainder</b>              |
| <b>div = Division</b>        | <b>renum = renumbered</b>           |
| <b>exp = expires/expired</b> | <b>rep = repealed</b>               |
| <b>f = forms</b>             | <b>s = section</b>                  |
| <b>Gaz = Gazette</b>         | <b>sch = Schedule</b>               |
| <b>hdg = heading</b>         | <b>sdiv = Subdivision</b>           |
| <b>ins = inserted</b>        | <b>SL = Subordinate Legislation</b> |
| <b>lt = long title</b>       | <b>sub = substituted</b>            |
| <b>nc = not commenced</b>    |                                     |

**2 LIST OF LEGISLATION*****Serious Sex Offenders Act 2013 (Act No. 9, 2013)***

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Assent date | 3 May 2013  |
| Commenced   | 1 July 2013 ( <i>Gaz G24</i> , 12 June 2013, p 2) |

***Correctional Services (Related and Consequential Amendments) Act 2014 (Act No. 27, 2014)***

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Assent date | 4 September 2014   |
| Commenced   | 9 September 2014 ( <i>Gaz S80</i> , 9 September 2014, p 2) |

***Statute Law Revision Act 2014 (Act No. 38, 2014)***

|             |                  |
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| Assent date | 13 November 2014 |
| Commenced   | 13 November 2014 |

***Local Court (Related Amendments) Act 2016 (Act No. 8, 2016)***

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Assent date | 6 April 2016  |
| Commenced   | 1 May 2016 (s 2, s 2 <i>Local Court (Repeals and Related Amendments) Act 2016</i> (Act No. 9, 2016) and <i>Gaz S34</i> , 29 April 2016) |

***Sex Industry Act 2019 (Act No. 40, 2019)***

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Assent date | 13 December 2019                              |
| Commenced   | 12 June 2020 ( <i>Gaz S35</i> , 11 June 2020) |

***Serious Sex Offenders Amendment Act 2021 (Act No. 12, 2021)***

|             |   |
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| Assent date | 20 May 2021                                       |
| Commenced   | 5 July 2021 ( <i>Gaz G25</i> , 23 June 2021, p 1) |

***Criminal Code Amendment (Property Offences) Act 2022 (Act No. 24, 2022)***

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Assent date | 31 October 2022                                     |
| Commenced   | 30 April 2023 ( <i>Gaz G8</i> , 13 April 2023, p 1) |

***Criminal Justice Legislation Amendment (Sexual Offences) Act 2023 (Act No. 20, 2023)***

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Assent date | 17 August 2023                                  |
| Commenced   | 25 March 2024 ( <i>Gaz S20</i> , 22 March 2024) |

***Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2024 (Act No. 4, 2024)***

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Assent date | 14 March 2024   |
| Commenced   | pt 5, div 1: 30 October 2023 (s 2(2));<br>pt 3, div 2: 25 March 2024 (s 2(3), s 2 <i>Sentencing and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2022</i> (Act No. 28, 2022) and <i>Gaz S19</i> , 22 March 2024); pt 4: 25 March 2024 (s 2(4), s 2 <i>Criminal Justice Legislation Amendment (Sexual Offences) Act 2023</i> (Act No. 20, 2023) and <i>Gaz S20</i> , 22 March 2024);<br>rem: 15 March 2024 (s 2(1)) |

**3 GENERAL AMENDMENTS**

General amendments of a formal nature (which are not referred to in the table of amendments to this reprint) are made by the *Interpretation Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (Act No. 22, 2018) to: ss 1, 4, 12, 15, 22, 29, 50, 51, 62, 64, 79, 83, 90, 97, 102 and 108.

**4 LIST OF AMENDMENTS**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| s 4          | amd No. 27, 2014, s 57; No. 12, 2021, s 4                    |
| s 10         | amd No. 27, 2014, s 57                                       |
| s 11         | amd No. 12, 2021, s 5  |
| s 12         | amd No. 27, 2014, s 57                                       |
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