

Submission on “Performance Crimes” Law (Section 154K)

Who wrote this submission?

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What is this about?

This submission is about a law called **section 154K of the Crimes Act**.

This law was introduced in **2024**.

What are “performance crimes”?

Performance crimes are when someone:

- **Records** themselves committing a **crime** (like breaking into a house or stealing a car), and
- **Shares** the video **online** (like on social media)

What is the main argument?

We believe that **section 154K should be removed (repealed)**.

Why should this law be removed?

1. It does not fix the real problems

- Punishing people does not address the **reasons why** these crimes happen
- There are **social issues** behind this behaviour that need better solutions

2. It unfairly impacts some groups

- The law has a bigger impact on **First Nations young people**

What about expanding the law?

There is a proposal to expand section 154K in a new law: **Crimes Legislation Amendment (Hate Crimes) Bill 2026 (NSW)**

We argue that:

- Section 154K **should not be expanded**
- Expanding it would make these problems worse

Summary

- Section 154K is about **filming crimes** and **posting them online**
- We think this law **should be removed**
- It **does not** solve the **real causes of crime**
- It **unfairly** affects **First Nations young people**
- It **should not be expanded**