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No. , 2004

(Justice and Customs)

A Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code Act 1995 to provide for offences relating to trafficking in persons, and for related purposes
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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 **Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Criminal Code Amendment (Trafficking in Persons Offences) Act 2004*.

2 **Commencement**

(1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.
## Commencement information

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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally passed by the Parliament and assented to. It will not be expanded to deal with provisions inserted in this Act after assent.

(2) Column 3 of the table contains additional information that is not part of this Act. Information in this column may be added to or edited in any published version of this Act.

### 3 Schedule(s)

Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.
Schedule 1—Amendments relating to deceptive recruiting, trafficking in persons and debt bondage

Criminal Code Act 1995

1 Subsection 73.2(2) of the Criminal Code
   Repeal the subsection.

2 Subsection 73.6(2) of the Criminal Code
   Repeal the subsection.

3 Subsection 270.4(2) of the Criminal Code (definition of sexual service)
   Repeal the definition.

4 Section 270.5 of the Criminal Code
   Repeal the section, substitute:

   270.5 Jurisdictional requirement
   Section 15.2 (extended geographical jurisdiction—category B) applies to an offence against section 270.6 or 270.7.

5 Subsection 270.6(1) of the Criminal Code (penalty)
   Omit “19 years”, substitute “20 years”.

6 Subsection 270.6(2) of the Criminal Code (penalty)
   Omit “19 years”, substitute “20 years”.

7 Subsection 270.7(1) of the Criminal Code
   Repeal the subsection, substitute:
   (1) A person who, with the intention of inducing another person to enter into an engagement to provide sexual services, deceives that other person about:
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(a) the fact that the engagement will involve the provision of sexual services; or
(b) the extent to which the person will be free to leave the place or area where the person provides sexual services; or
(c) the extent to which the person will be free to cease providing sexual services; or
(d) the extent to which the person will be free to leave his or her place of residence; or
(e) the fact that the engagement will involve exploitation, debt bondage or the confiscation of the person’s travel or identity documents;

is guilty of an offence.

Penalty:
(a) in the case of an aggravated offence (see section 270.8)—imprisonment for 9 years; or
(b) in any other case—imprisonment for 7 years.

(1A) In determining, for the purposes of any proceedings for an offence against subsection (1), whether a person has been deceived about any matter referred to in paragraph (1)(a), (b), (c), (d) or (e), a court, or if the trial is before a jury, the jury, may treat any of the following matters as admissible evidence:
(a) the economic relationship between the person and the alleged offender;
(b) the terms of any written or oral contract or agreement between the person and the alleged offender;
(c) the personal circumstances of the person, including but not limited to:
   (i) whether the person is entitled to be in Australia under the Migration Act 1958; and
   (ii) the person’s ability to speak, write and understand English; and
   (iii) the extent of the person’s social and physical dependence on the alleged offender.

(1B) Subsection (1A) does not:
(a) prevent the leading of any other evidence in proceedings for an offence against subsection (1); or
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8 Sections 270.10 and 270.11 of the Criminal Code
Repeal the sections.

9 At the end of Chapter 8 of the Criminal Code
Add:

Division 271—Trafficking in persons and debt bondage

Subdivision A—Definitions

271.1 Definitions
In this Division:

confiscate, in relation to a person’s travel or identity document, means to take possession of the document, whether permanently or otherwise, to the exclusion of the person, or to destroy the document.

constitutional corporation means a corporation to which paragraph 51(xx) of the Constitution applies.

decceive means mislead as to fact (including the intention of any person) or as to law, by words or other conduct.

threat means:
(a) a threat of force; or
(b) a threat to cause a person’s removal from Australia; or
(c) a threat of any other detrimental action;
unless there are reasonable grounds for the threat of that action.

Subdivision B—Offences relating to trafficking in persons

271.2 Offence of trafficking in persons
(1) A person (the first person) commits an offence of trafficking in persons if:
(a) the first person organises or facilitates the entry or proposed entry, or the receipt, of another person into Australia; and

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(b) the first person uses force or threats; and
(c) that use of force or threats results in the first person obtaining the other person’s consent to that entry or proposed entry or to that receipt.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 12 years.

(2) A person (the first person) commits an offence of trafficking in persons if:
(a) the first person organises or facilitates the entry or proposed entry, or the receipt, of another person into Australia; and
(b) the first person deceives the other person about the fact that the other person’s entry or proposed entry, the other person’s receipt or any arrangements for the other person’s stay in Australia, will involve the provision of sexual services, exploitation, debt bondage or the confiscation of the other person’s travel or identity documents.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 12 years.

(3) Absolute liability applies to paragraph (1)(c).

271.3 Aggravated offence of trafficking in persons

(1) A person (the first person) commits an aggravated offence of trafficking in persons if the first person commits the offence of trafficking in persons in relation to another person (the victim) and any of the following applies:
(a) the first person commits the offence intending that the victim will be exploited, either by the first person or another, after entry into Australia;
(b) the first person, in committing the offence, subjects the victim to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;
(c) the first person, in committing the offence:
   (i) engages in conduct that gives rise to a danger of death or serious harm to the victim; and
   (ii) is reckless as to that danger.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 20 years.

(2) If, on a trial for an offence against this section, the court, or if the trial is before a jury, the jury, is not satisfied that the defendant is
guilty of the aggravated offence, but is satisfied that he or she is
guilty of an offence against section 271.2, it may find the
defendant not guilty of the aggravated offence but guilty of an
offence against that section.

271.4 Offence of trafficking in children

A person (the first person) commits an offence of trafficking in
children if:
(a) the first person organises or facilitates the entry or proposed
   entry into Australia, or the receipt in Australia, of another
   person; and
(b) the other person is under the age of 18; and
(c) in organising or facilitating that entry or proposed entry, or
   that receipt, the first person:
   (i) intends that the other person will be used to provide
       sexual services or will be otherwise exploited, either by
       the first person or another, after that entry or receipt; or
   (ii) is reckless as to whether the other person will be used to
        provide sexual services or will be otherwise exploited,
        either by the first person or another, after that entry or
        receipt.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 20 years.

271.5 Offence of domestic trafficking in persons

(1) A person (the first person) commits an offence of domestic
    trafficking in persons if:
    (a) the first person organises or facilitates the transportation of
        another person from one place in Australia to another place
        in Australia; and
    (b) the first person uses force or threats; and
    (c) that use of force or threats results in the first person obtaining
        the other person’s consent to that transportation.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 12 years.

(2) A person (the first person) commits an offence of domestic
    trafficking in persons if:
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(a) the first person organises or facilitates the transportation of another person from one place in Australia to another place in Australia; and
(b) the first person deceives the other person about the fact that the transportation, or any arrangements the first person has made for the other person following the transportation, will involve the provision of sexual services, exploitation, debt bondage or the confiscation of the other person’s travel or identity documents.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 12 years.

(3) Absolute liability applies to paragraph (1)(c).

271.6  Aggravated offence of domestic trafficking in persons

(1) A person (the first person) commits an aggravated offence of domestic trafficking in persons if the first person commits the offence of domestic trafficking in persons in relation to another person (the victim) and any of the following applies:
(a) the first person commits the offence intending that the victim will be exploited, either by the first person or by another, after arrival at the place to which the person has been transported;
(b) the first person, in committing the offence, subjects the victim to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;
(c) the first person, in committing the offence:
   (i) engages in conduct that gives rise to a danger of death or serious harm to the victim; and
   (ii) is reckless as to that danger.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 20 years.

(2) If, on a trial for an offence against this section, the court, or if the trial is before a jury, the jury, is not satisfied that the defendant is guilty of the aggravated offence, but is satisfied that he or she is guilty of an offence against section 271.5, it may find the defendant not guilty of the aggravated offence, but guilty of an offence against that section.
271.7 Offence of domestic trafficking in children

A person commits an offence of domestic trafficking in children if:

(a) the first-mentioned person organises or facilitates the transportation of another person from one place in Australia to another place in Australia; and

(b) the other person is under the age of 18; and

(c) in organising or facilitating that transportation, the first-mentioned person:

(i) intends that the other person will be used to provide sexual services or will be otherwise exploited, either by the first-mentioned person or another, during or following the transportation to that other place; or

(ii) is reckless as to whether the other person will be used to provide sexual services or will be otherwise exploited, either by the first-mentioned person or another, during or following the transportation to that other place.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 20 years.

Subdivision C—Offences relating to debt bondage

271.8 Offence of debt bondage

(1) A person commits an offence of debt bondage if:

(a) the person engages in conduct that causes another person to enter into debt bondage; and

(b) the person intends to cause the other person to enter into debt bondage.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 12 months.

(2) In determining, for the purposes of any proceedings for an offence against subsection (1), whether a person (the first person) has caused another person (the second person) to enter into debt bondage, a court, or if the trial is before a jury, the jury, may treat any of the following matters as admissible evidence:

(a) the economic relationship between the first person and the second person;

(b) the terms of any written or oral contract or agreement between the first person and the second person;
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### 271.9 Offence of aggravated debt bondage

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Subdivision D—General provisions relating to offences under this Division

271.10 Jurisdictional requirement for offences other than offences related to domestic trafficking in persons

Section 15.2 (extended geographical jurisdiction—category B) applies to an offence against section 271.2, 271.3, 271.4, 271.8 or 271.9.

271.11 Jurisdictional requirement for offences related to domestic trafficking in persons

A person commits an offence against section 271.5, 271.6 or 271.7 only if one or more of the following paragraphs applies:

(a) the conduct constituting the offence occurs to any extent outside Australia;
(b) the conduct constituting the offence involves transportation across State borders, either for reward or in connection with a commercial arrangement;
(c) the conduct constituting the offence occurs within a Territory or involves transportation to or from a Territory;
(d) the conduct constituting the offence is engaged in by, or on behalf of, a constitutional corporation, or in circumstances where the victims of the trafficking conduct were intended to be employed by a constitutional corporation;
(e) some of the conduct constituting the offence is engaged in by communication using a postal, telegraphic or telephonic service within the meaning of paragraph 51(v) of the Constitution;
(f) the victim of the conduct constituting the offence is an alien for the purposes of paragraph 51(xix) of the Constitution.

271.12 Other laws not excluded

This Division is not intended to exclude or limit the operation of any other law of the Commonwealth or any law of a State or Territory.
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271.13 Double jeopardy

If a person has been convicted or acquitted in a country outside Australia of an offence against the law of that country in respect of any conduct, the person cannot be convicted of an offence against this Division in respect of that conduct.

10 Dictionary in the Criminal Code

Insert:

*debt bondage* means the status or condition that arises from a pledge by a person:

(a) of his or her personal services; or
(b) of the personal services of another person under his or her control;

as security for a debt owed, or claimed to be owed, (including any debt incurred, or claimed to be incurred, after the pledge is given), by that person if:

(c) the reasonable value of those services is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt or purported debt; or

(d) the length and nature of those services are not respectively limited and defined.

11 Dictionary in the Criminal Code

Insert:

*exploitation*, of one person (the *victim*) by another person (the *exploiter*), occurs if:

(a) the exploiter’s conduct causes the victim to enter into slavery, forced labour or sexual servitude; or
(b) the exploiter’s conduct causes an organ of the victim to be removed and:

(i) the removal is contrary to the law of the State or Territory where it is carried out; or

(ii) neither the victim nor the victim’s legal guardian consented to the removal and it does not meet a medical or therapeutic need of the victim.

12 Dictionary in the Criminal Code

Insert:
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forced labour is defined in section 73.2.

13 Dictionary in the Criminal Code

Insert:

identity document includes any kind of document that may be used
to establish the identity of a person in a country under the law or
procedures of that country.

14 Dictionary in the Criminal Code

Insert:

personal service means any labour or service, including a sexual
service, provided by a person.

15 Dictionary in the Criminal Code

Insert:

sexual service means the commercial use or display of the body of
the person providing the service for the sexual gratification of
others.

16 Dictionary in the Criminal Code

Insert:

travel document includes any kind of document required, under the
law of a country, to enter or leave that country.
Schedule 2—Amendment of the
Telecommunications (Interception) Act 1979

1 Paragraphs 5D(3A)(a) and (b)

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

(a) section 73.1, 73.2, 73.3, 73.8, 73.9, 73.10 or 73.11; or
(b) section 270.3, 270.6, 270.7 or 270.8; or
(c) section 271.2, 271.3, 271.4, 271.5, 271.6 or 271.7;