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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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(As presented)

(Attorney-General)

## **Crimes Amendment Bill 2001 (No 2)**

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### **A Bill for**

An Act to amend the *Crimes Act 1900*

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The Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory enacts as follows:

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2001 178B

Authorised by the ACT Parliamentary Counsel—also accessible at [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au)

1 **1 Name of Act**

2 This Act is the *Crimes Amendment Act 2001 (No 2)*.

3 **2 Commencement**

4 This Act commences on its notification day.

5 **3 Act amended**

6 This Act amends the *Crimes Act 1900*.

7 **4 New division 6.6A**

8 *insert*

9 **Division 6.6A Offences relating to causing public**  
10 **alarm**

11 **140A Acting with intent to cause public alarm**

12 A person must not, with the intention of causing public alarm or  
13 anxiety—

- 14 (a) do something that could endanger human life or health; or  
15 (b) do something that, in the circumstances in which it is done, a  
16 reasonable person would suspect could endanger human life or  
17 health (whether or not it could endanger human life or health).

18 Maximum penalty: imprisonment for 10 years.

19 **140B Threatening to act with intent to cause public alarm**

- 20 (1) A person must not threaten to do something that could endanger  
21 human life or health with the intention of causing public alarm or  
22 anxiety.

23 Maximum penalty: imprisonment for 10 years.

- 1 (2) For this section, a threat may be made by any conduct, and may be  
2 explicit or implicit and conditional or unconditional.

3 **140C Making false statements with intent to cause public alarm**

- 4 (1) A person must not make a statement that the person believes to be  
5 false with the intention of—

6 (a) inducing the person to whom the statement is made or others to  
7 believe that something that could endanger human life or  
8 health has been done; and

9 (b) in that way, causing public alarm or anxiety.

10 Maximum penalty: imprisonment for 10 years.

- 11 (2) For this section, making a statement includes communicating  
12 information by any means.

13 **140D Territorial nexus for offences**

14 It is immaterial that the conduct of a person forming an offence  
15 against this division happened outside the ACT if the person  
16 intended by the conduct to cause public alarm or anxiety in the  
17 ACT.

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## Endnotes

### Republications of amended laws

- 1 For the latest republication of amended laws, see [www.legislation.act.gov.au](http://www.legislation.act.gov.au).

### Penalty units

- 2 The *Legislation Act 2001*, s 133 deals with the meaning of offence penalties that are expressed in penalty units.

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