

Update Summary

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AUSTRALIAN SENTENCING

Highlights

- New commentary for Judicial Reasoning and Mitigating Considerations.
- Legislative amendments have been made to the Sentencing Act 1991 (Vic), the Sentencing Act (NT) and the Penalties and Sentences Act 1992 (Qld).

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New and updated commentary and cases

New and updated commentary by Mirko Bagaric has been inserted into:

Judicial reasoning

- **[200.2200]** regarding minimum non-parole periods. The Sentencing Act 1995 (NT) is discussed; and
- [200.2440] regarding the meaning of manifest inadequacy. The cases of R v Wasson [2014] NSWCCA 95; R v O'Connor [2014] NSWCCA 53; Griffiths v The Queen (1977) 137 CLR 293; [1977] HCA 44; Green v The Queen (2011) 244 CLR 462; [2011] HCA 49; Bugmy v The Queen (2013) 87 ALJR 1022; [2013] HCA 37; Reeves v The Queen (2013) 88 ALJR 215; 304 ALR 251; [2013] HCA 57 and R v Flowers [2014] ACTCA 13 are discussed.

Aggravating factors

• **[450.11600]** regarding prevalence of the offence. The case of *Wootton v The Queen* [2014] NSWCCA 86 is mentioned.

Mitigating considerations

- [500.22200] regarding restitution. The cases of Williams v Tasmania [2014] TASCCA 2; Attorney-General v Saunders [2000] TASSC 22; R v Boian (1997) 96 A Crim R 582; Mickelberg v The Queen (1984) 13 A Crim R 365; R v O'Keefe [1959] Qd R 395; R v Whitnall (1993) 42 FCR 512; 68 A Crim R 119; Scott v The Queen [1986] TASSC 81; R v Phelan (1993) 66 A Crim R 446 and Job v The Queen (2011) 216 A Crim R 521:
- **[500.22900]** regarding incidental injuries or harm stemming from offending. The case of *R v O'Connor* [2014] NSWCCA 53 is discussed;
- [500.24600] regarding a rational approach to aggravation and mitigation. The cases of *Director of Public Prosecutions v England* (1999) 106 A Crim R 99; [1999] 2 VR 258; *Marker v The Queen* (2002) 135 A Crim R 55; [2002] WASCA 282; *Director of Public Prosecutions v England* (1999) 106 A Crim R 99; [1999] 2 VR 258; *R v Currie* (1988) 33 A Crim R 7; *Baumer v The Queen* (1987) 27 A Crim R 143; *R v Laffey* [1998] 1 VR 155; *Director of Public Prosecutions v Martin* [2009] VSCA 316 and *R v Henry* (1999) 46 NSWLR 346; 106 A Crim R 149; [1999] NSWCCA 111; and
- **[550.1200]** regarding *Marrah v Director of Public Prosecutions (Vic)* [2014] VSCA 119 and *R v Grose* [2014] SASCFC 42 are discussed.

SANCTIONS

- [650.2430] regarding imprisonment and hardship to others. The cases of R v Wirth (1976) 14 SASR 291; R v Day (1998) 100 A Crim R 275; R v Carmody (1998) 100 A Crim R 41; Director of Public Prosecutions (Vic) v Coley [2007] VSCA 91; R v Nagul [2007] VSCA 8; R v Carmody (1998) 100 A Crim R 41; R v Hill (2011) 110 SASR 588; [2011] SASCFC 109; Markovic v The Queen (2010) 200 A Crim R 510; [2010] VSCA 105; MGP v The Queen [2011] VSCA 321; R v Rach [2012] QCA 143 AND R v Edwards (1996) 90 A Crim R 510 are discussed; and
- [650.2940] regarding sentencing for multiple offences totality principle. The cases of *Director of Public Prosecutions v Dickson* [2011] VSCA 222 and *Regina v The Queen* (2004) 149 A Crim R 583 are discussed.

Legislative amendments

New South Wales

The Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Act 1999 has been amended by:

• the Crimes (Sentencing Procedure) Amendment (Family Member Victim Impact Statement) Act 2014 (Act 18 of 2014): ss 28(4), (4A), (6), 29(4), 107, and Sch 2 Pt 26 cl 71 with effect from 1 July 2014.

Northern Territory

The **Sentencing Act** has been amended by:

- the Criminal Code Amendment (Identity Crime) Act 2014 (Act 9 of 2014): ss 3(1), 97AA, 97AB, 97AC, and Div 1AA with effect from 1 July 2014.
- the Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2014 (Act 11 of 2014): ss 64, 90(3), 104A, 107(1) to (6), (9) to (12), 134 to 136, and Divs 3 and 6 with effect from 1 July 2014.

Queensland

The **Penalties and Sentences Act 1992** has been amended by:

- the Penalties and Sentences (Indexation) Amendment Act 2014 (Act 6 of 2014): ss 5(1), 52(2A), 5(5) and 5A with effect from 1 July 2014.
- the Crime and Misconduct and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2014 (Act 21 of 2014): s 161M(3) with effect from 1 July 2014.

Victoria

The Sentencing Act 1991 has been amended by:

- the Mental Health Act 2014 (Act 26 of 2014): ss 3(1), 7(1), 16(3B), 16(3BA), 18(1), 18(2), 18A(7), 18E, 35(2), 90 to 94, 94A to 94I, Pt 5 and Pt 5 Divs 1 to 4 with effect from 1 July 2014.
- the Victoria Police Amendment (Consequential and Other Matters) Act 2014 (Act 37 of 2014): ss 3(1), 69B(1), 69B(3), 83AG(2), 83AL(2) 83D(1), 87C, 94(3), 94(4), 100(2), 108F(1) and Sch 2 Pt A with effect from 1 July 2014.

Updated Tables

The Supplementary Table of Cases and Statutes have been updated to include recent additions to the service, as well as amendments to paragraph numbers.