

# A BILL

To provide that in certain cases orders may be made that a court shall be cleared and that certain evidence shall not be published ; and for other purposes.

**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the "Indecent Evidence Short title.  
Publication Act, 1912."

**2.** (1) The judge, magistrate, or justice of the peace presiding Orders to clear court and to prohibit publication of evidence.  
over the trial of or over the hearing of any proceedings against any person charged with a sexual offence may, at any time during such trial or hearing,—

- (a) order that any person not directly interested in such trial or proceedings shall leave the court-room or place of trial or hearing ;
- (b) forbid the publication of the evidence or any report or account of such evidence either as to the whole or any portion thereof.

(2) Any person disobeying any order made under paragraph (a) of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *twenty* pounds, and may be removed from such room or place.

Any person disobeying any order made under paragraph (b) of this section shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *one hundred* pounds and to a term of imprisonment not exceeding two years.

(3) Such penalties and punishment may, in a summary manner, be enforced by or recovered before any two justices of the peace.

**3.** The powers provided by this Act shall be in addition to and Powers to be additional  
not in substitution for any similar powers provided by any other Act.