

## **477.2 Unauthorised modification of data to cause impairment**

- (1) A person is guilty of an offence if:
  - (a) the person causes any unauthorised modification of data held in a computer; and
  - (b) the person knows the modification is unauthorised; and
  - (c) the person is reckless as to whether the modification impairs or will impair:
    - (i) access to that or any other data held in any computer; or
    - (ii) the reliability, security or operation, of any such data.

Penalty: 10 years imprisonment.

- (3) A person may be guilty of an offence against this section even if there is or will be no actual impairment to:
  - (a) access to data held in a computer; or
  - (b) the reliability, security or operation, of any such data.
- (4) A conviction for an offence against this section is an alternative verdict to a charge for an offence against section 477.3 (unauthorised impairment of electronic communication).