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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Purpose of the Bill

The Aliens Act Repeal Bill 1984 is designed to repeal the Aliens Act 1947 in order to remove discrimination between aliens and other non-Australian citizens thereby placing all non-Australian citizens on an equal footing.

Clause 1: Short Title

Clause 1 fixes the citation of the repealing Act and identifies the Aliens Act 1947 as the Principal Act ("the Principal Act").

Clause 2: Commencement

Clause 2 provides for the Bill to come into operation on the day it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3: Repeal of certain Acts

Clause 3 provides for the repeal of all Acts set out in the schedule to the Bill namely:

Aliens Act 1947
Aliens Act 1952
Aliens Act 1959
Aliens Act 1965
Aliens Act 1966
Aliens Act 1973

All Acts specified in the schedule subsequent to the Principal Act provided for certain amendments to the Principal Act.

Clause 4: Persons not to be prosecuted after repeal

This clause provides that a person who, before the commencement of the Bill, has committed an offence against the Principal Act or who had become liable under section 18 of the Principal Act, to pay a pecuniary penalty for not having complied with the provisions of sections 7 and 10A of that Act, as the case may be, shall not, after the commencement of the Bill, be liable to prosecution for the offence nor required to pay the pecuniary penalty.