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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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### OUTLINE

This Bill amends section 13 of the Air Navigation Act 1920 to provide the Minister with the power to vary an international airline licence issued to an airline of a country other than Australia.

It will enable the Minister to give a measured response in cases where punitive or anti-competitive action is imposed on an Australian carrier, rather than invoke more severe powers of suspension or cancellation currently available. The use of which would place an unnecessary strain on the broader bilateral relationship.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The amendment will not involve any direct financial cost to the Commonwealth.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 - Short Title etc

1. This clause provides for the Act to be cited as the Air Navigation Amendment Act 1989 and defines "Principal Act" as the Air Navigation Act 1920.

Clause 2 - Commencement

2. This clause provides that the Act shall come into operation on the day it receives the Royal Assent.

Clause 3 - Suspension or cancellation of international airline licences

3. This clause amends section 13 of the Principal Act to provide the Minister with the power to vary an airline licence issued to a country other than Australia under circumstances already provided for in section 13 of the Principal Act.