THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AIR NAVIGATION LEGISLATION (VALIDATION AND INTERPRETATION) BILL 1982

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by the Authority of the Minister for Aviation, the Honourable Wal. Fife, M.P.)

Clause 1 - Citation of the Act

Clause 2 - Commencement to be the date of Royal Assent

Clause 3 - Validation and Interpretation

This provision validates back to 7 May 1982 the purported exercise of any power or function by the Secretary to the Department of Aviation under regulations or other instrument in force or subsisting under or for the purposes of the <u>Air Navigation Act</u> 1920 as at 1 March 1975. The provision applies where the particular power or function which the "Secretary to the Department of Aviation" has purported to exercise is conferred by the abovementioned regulations or instrument on the "Director-General of Civil Aviation", on the "Secretary to the Department of Transport" or on the "Secretary to the Department of Transport and Director-General of Civil Aviation".

The provision also validates any act or thing done by any other person or body in reliance on, as a consequence of, or in relation to, the purported exercise of the abovementioned powers or the purported performance of the abovementioned functions by the Secretary to the Department of Aviation.

In addition the provision relates to references to the "Director-General of Civil Aviation", to the "Secretary to the Department of Transport" or to the "Secretary to the Department

of Transport and Director-General of Civil Aviation" in regulations or other instrument in force or subsisting under or for the purposes of the <u>Air Navigation Act</u> 1920 as at 1 March 1975. This provision allows for the abovementioned references to be read to include a reference to the "Secretary to the Department of Aviation".