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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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### GENERAL OUTLINE AND MAIN PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for the continued collection of the Commonwealth Borrowing Levy on the basis intended in the Commonwealth Borrowing Levy Act 1987.

Two newly created authorities, the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and Aerospace Technologies of Australia (ASTA), are to be included in the Schedule to the Act, which contains a list of the authorities subject to the Levy. The ACT Electricity and Water Authority (ACTEW) is to be deleted from the Schedule from the date of ACT Self-government, to ensure that ACT authorities are treated on the same basis as State and Northern Territory semi-government authorities, which are not subject to the levy.

The Bill also provides for some definitional changes which will allow the levy to be applied to future authorities through their other legislation, and to the subsidiaries of Commonwealth authorities and companies.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The Bill will increase revenue raised from the levy in the 1989-90 financial year by an estimated \$220,000 to \$8,720,000.

## NOTES ON CLAUSES

### CLAUSE 1 - SHORT TITLE

Self explanatory

### CLAUSE 2 - COMMENCEMENT

The levy is to apply to the CAA and ASTA from the start of the current financial year. The levy is to cease to apply to the ACTEW from the date of ACT self-government.

### CLAUSE 3 - INTERPRETATION

This Clause amends the definition of "body" within the Act to include Commonwealth semi-government authorities and government-owned companies declared by other legislation to be prescribed bodies for the purposes of this Act and the subsidiaries of prescribed bodies.

### CLAUSE 4 - SCHEDULE

Sub-clause 4(a) includes in the Schedule Aerospace Technologies of Australia Pty Ltd, a government-owned company.

Sub-clause 4(b) deletes from the Schedule Aussat Finance Ltd, a subsidiary of Aussat Pty Ltd, as all subsidiaries of bodies listed in the Schedule are henceforth subject to the levy.

Sub-clause 4(c) deletes the ACT Electricity and Water Authority from the Schedule.

Sub-clause 4(d) includes in the Schedule the Civil Aviation Authority, a Commonwealth semi-government authority.

Sub-clause 4(e) deletes from the Schedule all wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Federal Airports Corporation as all subsidiaries of bodies listed in the Schedule are henceforth subject to the levy.

