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Christmas Island Agreement Amendment Bill 1982

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Administrative Services, the Hon. Kevin Newman, M.P.)

OUTLINE

The purpose of the Bill is to reflect new arrangements agreed to by the Governments of Australia and New Zealand with regard to Christmas Island.

The Schedule to the Bill amends the Christmas Island Agreement 1958-81 between the two countries to provide for

- . the Christmas Island Phosphate Commission to cease to function; and
- . the termination of the Agreement when the Commission ceases to function.