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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

SENATE

FAMILY LAW REFORM BILL 1994

FURTHER SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendment to be Moved on Behalf of the Government

(Circulated by the authority of the Attorney-General,
the Honourable Michael Lavarch, M.P.)



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AMENDMENT OF THE FAMILY LAW REFORM BILL 1994

GENERAL OUTLINE

The amendment proposed by the Government will amend the *Family Law Reform Bill 1994*. The purpose of the amendment is to give recognition, on the face of the legislation, to the position of grandparents in relation to children in cases where the parents have separated.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The amendments to the Bill contain no financial impact.

NOTES ON AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT 1

1 The amendment inserts a new paragraph into proposed subsection 69C(2). The section sets out those people who may make application to the court in proceedings under the Family Law Act in relation to children.

2 The amendment inserts into the list of people who may make application a reference to grandparents, in order to make express on the face of the legislation that grandparents may initiate proceedings in relation to children, thus making it clear that it is open to grandparents, if they are unable to come to arrangements with the parents of a child about, for example, the child's contact with them, to seek an order from the court.