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**HINDMARSH ISLAND BRIDGE BILL 1996**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

(Circulated by authority of the  
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs,  
Senator the Hon. John Herron)

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### **OUTLINE**

The *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* (the Heritage Protection Act) provides a mechanism whereby Aboriginal people can apply for the protection of significant Aboriginal areas from injury or desecration.

The area of land and water required for the building of the Hindmarsh Island Bridge has been the subject of applications for protection under the Heritage Protection Act. Four reports which deal with the significance of the area to Aboriginal people have been prepared.

The Bill is to enable the construction and operation of the Hindmarsh Island Bridge without any further action being taken under the Heritage Protection Act.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Financial impact of the amendment is expected to be nil.

## **NOTES ON CLAUSES**

### **Clause 1 - Short title**

This clause provides that the Act may be cited as the *Hindmarsh Island Bridge Act 1996*.

### **Clause 2 - Commencement**

This clause provides that the Act will commence on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

### **Clause 3 - Interpretation**

1. This clause provides that the **Heritage Act** means the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*, the **Hindmarsh Island bridge area** means the area identified in clause 1 of Schedule 1 of the Bill and **pit area** means the area identified in clause 2 of Schedule 1.

### **Clause 4 - No declarations to affect the Hindmarsh Island bridge**

2. This clause prevents the Minister from considering any applications under the Heritage Protection Act relating to the construction or operation of the bridge or making any declarations under that Act that affect construction or operation of the bridge.



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