THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Amendment to be moved on behalf of the Government)

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



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AMENDMENT TO BE MOVED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT TO THE LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990

OUTLINE

The amendment to be moved by the Government to this Bill is a technical amendment. The amendment will avoid unintended retrospective operation of the provisions in Part III of the Bill, which give effect to a technical amendment to the definition of a "circuit layout" in the <u>Circuit Layouts Act 1989</u>, and bring various exemptions into line with those provided in the May 1989 Washington Treaty on Intellectual Property in Respect of Integrated Circuits.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The amendment will have no financial impact.

NOTES ON AMENDMENT TO BE MOVED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT TO THE LAW AND JUSTICE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1990

This amendment to subclause 2(4) of the Bill will ensure that proposed Part III of the Bill comes into operation on Royal Assent.