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# RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1983

# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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#### RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 1983 OUTLINE OF BILL

The Bill makes transitional provisions and consequential amendments to bring the general scheme of the <u>Radiocommunications</u> Act 1983 into force.

The Bill repeals the <u>Wireless Telegraphy Act</u> 1905 as amended and the <u>Radiocommunications Licence Fees Act</u> 1982 and substitutes references in Commonwealth legislation to the <u>Wireless Telegraphy</u> Act with references to the <u>Radiocommunications Act</u> 1983.

The Bill provides for existing licences under the <u>Wireless</u> <u>Telegraphy Act</u> to be continued in force but not renewed.

#### NOTES ON THE CLAUSES OF THE BILL

Clause 1 - Short title

Citation

Clause 2 - Commencement

Clause 2 provides that this Act shall come into operaton on the same date as the general scheme of the <u>Radiocommunications Act</u> 1983.

#### Clause 3 - Consequential Amendments

Clause 3 provides that various Acts specified in the Schedule are amended as set out in the Schedule, omitting words and phrases referring to the <u>Wireless Telegraphy Act</u> 1905 and substituting ones referring to the Radiocommunications Act 1983.

### Clause 4 - Repeals

Clause 4 repeals the <u>Wireless Telegraphy Act</u> 1905 as amended and the Radiocommunications Licence Fees Act 1982.

Clause 5 - Transitional

Clause 5 provides that licences and associated matters under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1905 shall be continued in force but shall not be renewed.

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