THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

BROADCASTING (FOREIGN OWNERSHIP) AMENDMENT BILL 1990 SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government

New subsections 90G(7) and 92D(7) of the <u>Broadcasting Act</u> 1947, inserted by clauses 7(b) and 10(b) of the Bill respectively, provide a period of grace during which action can be taken to remedy a breach of the foreign ownership conditions of a commercial radio or television licence.

The amendments make a minor drafting change to the new subsections to clarify their technical operation. The amendments ensure that a contravention of the foreign ownership condition is taken not to exist from the time the situation causing the contravention arises to the end of the period of grace.

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