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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 1998**

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government)

(Circulated by authority of the Attorney-General,  
the Honourable Daryl Williams AM QC MP)

## **Amendments to the Human Rights Legislation Amendment Bill 1998**

### **Outline**

These amendments remove age restrictions that currently apply to the appointment of the President and Commissioners of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

### **Financial impact statement**

There are no financial implications arising from these amendments.

## NOTES ON AMENDMENTS

### **Amendment 1**

#### Item 56A – Subsections 37(2) and (3)

1. This item repeals subsections 37(2) and (3) of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act 1986 to ensure that there is no prohibition on appointing as a member of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission a person aged over 65, nor on appointing such a person for a term which would extend beyond his or her 65th birthday.

### **Amendment 2**

#### Item 78A – Subsection 30(2)

2. This item repeals subsection 30(2) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 to ensure that there is no prohibition on appointing as the Race Discrimination Commissioner a person aged over 65, nor on appointing such a person for a term which would extend beyond his or her 65th birthday.

### **Amendment 3**

#### Item 111A – Subsection 97(2)

3. This item repeals subsections 97(2) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 to ensure that there is no prohibition on appointing as the Sex Discrimination Commissioner a person aged over 65, nor on appointing such a person for a term which would extend beyond his or her 65th birthday.