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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THERAPEUTIC GOODS BILL 1989

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Amendments and New Clauses to be Moved on Behalf of the Government

(Circulated by authority of the Honourable Dr Neal Blewett MP, Minister for Community Services and Health)

NOTES ON AMENDMENTS

Amendments 1 to 4 alter clause 6 which deals with the coverage of the Bill. These changes delete the words "or in relation to" from that clause.

Those words unnecessarily complicate the Constitutional coverage of the Bill. They also make more difficult the preparation of complementary State laws which are to be prepared in order to fill the gaps in the Constitutional coverage of the Bill. Therefore it is proposed that those words be deleted.

Amendment 5 deletes subclause 17(5) of the Bill. That subclause has been left in the Bill as a result of a drafting error. It was an integral part of an earlier draft of the Bill but has no relevance as the Bill now stands. Indeed, the Bill, in clauses 25 and 26, now covers the ground that 17(5) was originally intended to cover.

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