



**Australian Government**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

**LEGISLATION PROPOSED FOR INTRODUCTION  
IN THE 2017 AUTUMN SITTINGS**

Bills marked \* are proposed for introduction and passage in the Autumn sittings.

**AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES**

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**Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Representation) Bill**

- provide for the Australian Fisheries Management Authority to take into account Indigenous and recreational fishing interests in the management of Commonwealth fisheries, including by prescribing for increased opportunities for representation on fisheries advisory committees

Reason for legislation: to implement an election commitment

Link to announcement: [Media release of 4 June 2016](#)

**Primary Industries Research and Development Amendment Bill**

- amend the *Primary Industries Research and Development Act 1989* to allow the statutory research and development corporations to fund marketing activities through voluntary industry contributions

Reason for legislation: to improve existing legislation in response to an industry request for more flexible arrangements

**ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S**

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**Proceeds of Crime Amendment (State Reference and Related Amendments) Bill \***

- provide the legislative framework for a national cooperative scheme on unexplained wealth
- introduce information sharing enhancements for unexplained wealth investigations and prosecutions

Reason for legislation: to implement a Law, Crime and Community Safety Council (LCCSC) decision

Link to announcement: [LCCSC communiqué of 21 October 2016](#)

### **Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Amendment Bill**

- implement the first phase of recommendations arising from the report on the statutory review of the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006* and associated Rules and Regulations

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing regulation

Link to announcement: [Media release of 29 April 2016](#)

### **Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill**

- make minor and technical amendments to improve the operation and clarity of civil justice legislation administered by the Attorney-General

Reason for legislation: to update and improve existing legislation

### **Crimes Legislation Amendment Bill**

- introduce a range of measures to improve and clarify Commonwealth criminal justice arrangements

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing legislation

### **Family Law Amendment (Family Violence and Other Measures) Bill**

- amend the *Family Law Act 1975* to facilitate the exercise of family law jurisdiction by state and territory courts, and strengthen the powers of the courts to protect victims of family violence

Reason for legislation: to improve the family law system's response to family violence

Link to announcement: [Media release of 9 December 2016](#)

### **International Civil Law Bill**

- implement the *Hague Conference Convention on Choice of Court Agreements 2005* and the *Hague Principles on Choice of Law in International Contracts* and support party autonomy in choice of court and choice of law in international contracts

Reason for legislation: to implement an international treaty

## COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS

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### **Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill \*** **Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill \***

- strengthen requirements for owners of high-speed broadband networks to operate on a structurally separated basis, while empowering the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to authorise functional separation
- establish statutory infrastructure provider obligations on NBN Co Ltd and other providers of superfast carriage services and make other associated amendments
- establish sustainable and effective funding arrangements for broadband services provided predominantly in regional Australia

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing legislation

### **Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill**

- repeal and amend provisions to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on the broadcasting and telecommunications industries

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing legislation

Link to announcement: [Media release of 2 December 2015](#)

### **Enhancing Online Safety for Children Amendment Bill**

- amend the *Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015* to reflect the Children's eSafety Commissioner's expanded online safety role which is broader than just in relation to children

Reason for legislation: to implement an election commitment

Link to announcement: [Media release of 23 November 2016](#)

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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### **Australian National University Bill**

#### **Australian National University (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill**

- the Australian National University Bill will renew the Australian National University's (ANU) legislative framework to: ensure that its governance arrangements are fit for purpose; afford a level of flexibility for the ANU to manage its operations in the evolving higher education policy environment; and maintain and enhance the ANU's status as a leading university – nationally and internationally, into the future
- the Australian National University (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill will ensure the ANU can continue to govern and achieve its mission in a stable environment during the period of transition between the current *Australian National University Act 1991* (ANU Act) and a new Act

Reason for legislation: to give effect to recommendations of the *Review of the ANU Act 1991 and the governance arrangements of the ANU* (the Walker Review)

Link to announcement: [Media release of 24 June 2015](#)

### **Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies Reduction) Bill**

- reduce the administrative and base fee components of the Tuition Protection Service levy paid by international education providers

Reason for legislation: to reduce costs to providers of education to international students

## **EMPLOYMENT**

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### **Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill \***

- implement the Government's election commitment to increase protections for vulnerable workers under the *Fair Work Act 2009*

Reason for legislation: to implement an election commitment

Link to announcement: [The Coalition's Policy to Protect Vulnerable Workers](#)

### **Social Security Legislation Amendment (Further Strengthening Job Seeker Compliance) Bill**

- further strengthen compliance arrangements for job seekers who fail to meet their mutual obligation requirements, including the requirement to actively look for work, to participate in activities like Work for the Dole and to attend appointments

Reason for legislation: to implement a Budget decision and improve the operation of existing legislation

Link to announcement: [2015-16 Budget Paper No. 2 – Part 2: Expense Measures](#)

## **ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY**

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### **Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Minor Amendments Bill**

- make minor amendments to the *Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011* to ensure the Act gives effect to the original policy intent and to facilitate the effective operation of the scheme for savanna fire management projects

Reason for legislation: to ensure legislation reflects the original policy intent

### **Mandatory Reporting of Petroleum Statistics Bill**

- establish mandatory reporting of petroleum statistics to improve the accuracy and coverage of Australia's petroleum statistics

Reason for legislation: to implement a Budget decision

Link to announcement: [2016-17 Budget Paper No. 2 – Part 2: Expense Measures](#)

## **Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Legislation Amendment Bill**

- implement recommendations of the review of the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Programme to achieve significant environmental outcomes through emissions reduction measures and improve administrative efficiency

Reason for legislation: to implement recommendations stemming from the review to update and improve the operation of existing legislation

Link to announcement: [Government Statement](#)

## **FINANCE**

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### **Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2016-2017 \***

### **Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2016-2017 \***

- propose additional appropriations for expenditure on: the ordinary annual services of the Government and on other than the ordinary annual services of the Government (for matters such as capital works and services, payments to states, territories and local government authorities, and equity injections)

Reason for legislation: to provide legislative authority for additional appropriations to fund expenditure to be incurred in the 2016-2017 financial year

### **Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Bill\***

- establish an independent parliamentary expenses authority to monitor and adjudicate all expenses claims by parliamentarians

Reason for legislation: to improve transparency and accountability of the parliamentary work expenses system

Link to announcement: [Press conference - 13 January 2017](#)

### **Parliamentary Entitlements Legislation Amendment Bill \***

- impose a 25 per cent loading on travel claims submitted after 1 January 2014 that require subsequent adjustment
- limit the travel provided to the dependent children of Senior Officers to those who are less than 18 years of age
- reform Life Gold Pass travel for all former parliamentarians

Reason for legislation: to reform Life Gold Pass travel and to implement parliamentary work expense improvements announced in November 2013

Link to announcement: [Media release of 9 November 2013](#)

### **Parliamentary Business Resources Bill**

- replace the current framework of parliamentary entitlements and benefits with a single piece of legislation governing all parliamentary business resources

Reason for legislation: to implement the recommendations of the Review Committee: An Independent Parliamentary Entitlements System

Link to announcement: [Media release of 23 March 2016](#)

## **IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION**

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### **Customs Amendment (Trans-Pacific Partnership Implementation) Bill \***

### **Customs Tariff Amendment (Trans-Pacific Partnership Implementation) Bill \***

- implement domestically the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) in relation to trade in goods

Reason for legislation: to enable the implementation of the TPP

### **Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Repeal Bill**

- repeal the *Migration Amendment (Offshore Resources Activity) Act 2013*

Reason for legislation: to repeal an Act

## **INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE**

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### **Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill**

- clarify and improve the operation of the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006*

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing legislation

### **Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Amendment Bill**

- amend the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Regulatory Levies) Act 2003* to provide for imposition of levies for regulation of greenhouse gas wells, and revise well activity levies as a consequence of recent amendments to well-related regulations

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing legislation

## **INFRASTRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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### **Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) (Polar Code) Amendment Bill \***

- implement the mandatory International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters into Australian law

Reason for legislation: to implement an international treaty

## **PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET**

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### **Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill**

- add four land claim areas which form approximately 50 per cent of Kakadu National Park, and the land subject to the Township of Urapunga Indigenous Land Use Agreement to Schedule 1 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Act)
- make consequential amendments to Act to enable the Kakadu National Park land to be granted as Aboriginal land and subsequently leased to the Director of National Parks

Reason for legislation: to resolve land claims and a native title matter

### **Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment Bill**

- make various amendments to Indigenous Affairs portfolio legislation
- make amendments to the *Auditor-General Act 1997*

Reason for legislation: to implement measures consistent with the Government's commitment to deregulation

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

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### **Disability Services Amendment (Linking Upper Age Limits for Disability Employment Services to the Pension Age) Bill \***

- substitute the upper age limit from section 18(a) of the *Disability Services Act 1986*, with reference to the pension age in the *Social Security Act 1991*

Reason for legislation: to make a technical amendment to correct a mismatch between Disability Employment Services eligibility and the age of qualification for the age pension that would otherwise arise from 1 July 2017

## **TREASURY**

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### **Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill \***

- enable the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to provide information to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) for use by the ATO in the performance of its functions

Reason for legislation: to implement a Budget decision

Link to announcement: [2015-16 Budget Paper No. 2 – Part 1: Revenue Measures](#)

### **Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Bill \***

- introduce a new tax aimed at multinational corporations that artificially divert profits from Australia

Reason for legislation: to implement a Budget decision

Link to announcement: [2016-17 Budget Paper No. 2 – Part 1: Revenue Measures](#)

### **Treasury Laws Amendment (GST Low Value Goods) Bill \***

- impose the obligation to charge and remit GST on offshore businesses that import goods to Australian consumers where the imported goods have a value of \$1,000 or less

Reason for legislation: to implement a Budget decision

Link to announcement: [2016-17 Budget Paper No. 2 – Part 1: Revenue Measures](#)

### **Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 2) Bill**

- update the reference in Division 815 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* to OECD transfer pricing guidelines to adopt the new 2015 OECD transfer pricing guidelines

Reason for legislation: to implement a Budget decision

Link to announcement: [2016-17 Budget Paper No. 2 – Part 1: Revenue Measures](#)

### **Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Incentives No. 1) Bill**

- provide taxpayers with the new option, for certain intangible assets acquired on or after 1 July 2016, to self-assess the tax effective life of the asset or use the existing statutory effective life
- amend the tax incentives for early stage investors, to ensure that investors who access the tax concessions for early stage investors through an interposed trust are not subject to a subsequent capital gain equal to the amount of the exempt gain in the early stage innovation company

Reason for legislation: to implement a MYEFO decision

Link to announcement: [MYEFO – Policy decisions taken since the 2015-16 Budget: Revenue Measures](#)

## **VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

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### **Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill**

- implement several small, but necessary amendments to veterans' legislation to clarify, improve or streamline the operation of the law

Reason for legislation: to update and improve the operation of existing legislation