



**Australian Government**

**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

**LEGISLATION PROPOSED FOR INTRODUCTION  
IN THE 2019 AUTUMN SITTINGS**

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

**ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S**

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**Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill \***

- implement the Government's response to recommendations for reform of the native title system sourced from the COAG Investigation into Indigenous Land Use and Administration, the ALRC's 'Connection to Country: Review of the *Native Title Act 1993*' Report, and related Government investigations
- provide certainty to important native title agreements, particularly in the context of mineral and resources projects

Reason for legislation: to improve native title claims resolution, agreement making and dispute resolution processes, and to support the governance and transparency of Prescribed Bodies Corporate post-determination

Link to announcement: [Media release of 29 November 2017](#)

**COMMUNICATIONS AND THE ARTS**

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**Radiocommunications Bill \***

**Radiocommunications (Licence Tax) Bill \***

**Radiocommunications (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill \***

- replace the *Radiocommunications Act 1992* to implement the Government's decisions for reform of the management of the radiofrequency spectrum by: establishing a single licensing system; integrating broadcasting spectrum management into the general framework; demarcating the roles and responsibilities of the Minister and the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA); providing for timely allocation processes; giving the ACMA graduated and proportionate enforcement mechanisms to deal with breaches of the legislative framework; and providing for spectrum access charging and licence taxation

Reason for legislation: to improve a regulatory framework by replacing existing legislation

Link to announcement: [Media release of 18 May 2017](#)

**Broadcasting Services Amendment (Captioning) Bill**

- implement reforms to the subscription television captioning scheme arising from recent captioning consultations

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

### **Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Amendment Bill**

- modernise and improve the *Protection of Movable Cultural Heritage Act 1986* to enable significant Australian and foreign cultural material to be appropriately and efficiently protected

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

Link to announcement: [Media release of 3 February 2016](#)

### **Public and Educational Lending Right Amendment Bill**

- harmonise the administration of the Public Lending Right (PLR) and Educational Lending Right (ELR) programs by amending the *Public Lending Right Act 1985* to: create a legislative basis and make provision for subordinate legislation to administer the ELR program; modernise the legislation to better adapt to modern and future practices; and streamline governance arrangements in relation to the PLR Committee

Reason for legislation: to modernise the operation of existing legislation

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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### **Australian National University Bill**

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

- give effect to recommendations of the *Review of the ANU Act 1991 and the governance arrangements of the ANU* (the Walker Review) that will renew the ANU's legislative framework to ensure that its governance arrangements are fit for purpose, provide 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 into the future

Reason for legislation: to give effect to recommendations contained in the *Review of the Australian National University (ANU) Act 1991 and the governance arrangements of the ANU*

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

### **Student Identifiers Amendment (Enhanced Student Permissions) Bill**

- broaden student-controlled online access to authenticated vocational education and training (VET) transcripts to additional third parties and permit the Student Identifiers Registrar to have a role in deciding whether a VET qualification or VET statement of attainment can be issued to a student who does not have a student identifier

Reason for legislation: to enable businesses to quickly validate credentials for over nine million students and facilitate exemptions to the universal requirement to have a student identifier in certain circumstances

### **Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment (Academic Integrity) Bill**

- make it an offence in a territory for a person to provide or advertise organised cheating services targeting higher education courses or students

Reason for legislation: to implement a 2018-19 Budget decision

Link to announcement: [Budget Paper No. 2 2018–19, page 95](#)

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## **ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY**

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

- implement recommendations of the review of the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Program to strengthen emission reduction provisions, improve administrative efficiency, bolster compliance and enforcement capability and align existing powers with the *Regulatory Powers (Standard Provisions) Act 2014*

Reason for legislation: to implement recommendations of the review of the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Program

Link to announcement: [Government Statement - Improvements to the Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Programme to achieve emissions reductions and streamline its operation](#)

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## **FINANCE**

### **Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2018-2019 \***

### **Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2018-2019 \***

### **Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2018-2019 \***

- propose additional appropriations for expenditure on: the ordinary annual services of the Government; 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); and the services of the Parliamentary Departments

Reason for legislation: to request legislative authority for additional appropriations to fund expenditure to be incurred in 2018-2019

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## **FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE**

### **Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Infrastructure Financing) Bill \***

- expand the ability of the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation to finance infrastructure projects in the region by giving it a new infrastructure financing power, an extra \$1 billion of callable capital

Reason for legislation: to implement a policy decision

Link to announcement: [Media Release of 8 November 2018](#)

## HEALTH

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### **Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill \***

- implement reforms recommended through recent First Principles and Thematic Review of the Indemnity Insurance Fund (IIF) and Thematic Review of Medical Indemnity Legislation. The reforms support the sustainability of the IIF, improve its operation, enable the discontinuation of discrete contracts between the Commonwealth and medical indemnity insurers, and reduce unnecessary regulatory burden for insurers and medical practitioners

Reason for legislation: to improve the operation of the legislation and to address problems that have been identified through consultations with the medical indemnity insurance industry and medical profession during recent reviews of the Indemnity Insurance Fund

### **Aged Care (Accommodation Payment Security) Amendment Bill**

### **Aged Care (Accommodation Payment Security) Levy Amendment Bill**

- provide for a compulsory levy on non-government approved providers of residential care in order to recoup the Government's costs of the Accommodation Payment Guarantee Scheme when the Scheme's repayment costs exceed \$3 million in any fiscal year

Reason for legislation: to implement a Budget decision

### **Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia's Anti-Doping Capability) Bill**

- amend the *Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act 2006*, the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Privacy Act 1988* to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of ASADA's existing regulatory functions

Reason for legislation: to implement a MYEFO decision

## HOME AFFAIRS

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### **Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill \***

- implement a package of reforms designed to strengthen the requirements to become and remain an Australian citizen, including in relation to residency, English language, Australian values and good character

Reason for legislation: to implement the Government's package of reforms in response to the National Consultation on Citizenship in 2015, which indicated strong support for strengthening the requirements for Australian citizenship

Link to announcement: [Media release of 20 April 2017](#)

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

- implement recommendations from the 2016 statutory review of the *Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act 2006*. This includes a range of measures to strengthen Australia's capabilities to address the risks of money laundering, terrorism financing and other serious crimes, as well as generate regulatory efficiencies for industry
- amend the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979* to criminalise conduct where a person falsely represents himself or herself as a person upon whom a police medal or other decoration that can be awarded for police service has been conferred

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

### **Australian Crime Commission Amendment Bill**

- implement recommendations for amendments to the *Australian Crime Commission Act 2002* made by Mr Phillip Moss as part of his 2015 review of the Act. This includes streamlining certain provisions, inserting a revised information disclosure regime and consolidating and clarifying certain powers and obligations of Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (ACIC) officers to better enable the ACIC to perform its statutory functions

Reason for legislation: to implement recommendations of the 2015 Moss Review

### **Aviation Transport Security Amendment (Systems Testing) Bill**

- amend the *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* to create a general power for aviation security inspectors to conduct covert systems testing (by, for example, carrying, or attempting to carry, test pieces such as inert or replica firearms, improvised explosive devices and other weapons through air cargo examination systems)

Reason for legislation: to improve aviation transport security outcomes by enabling covert testing of key regulated processes

### **Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill**

- establish a scheme whereby the Commonwealth, through a department/agency, can seek workplace protection orders as one of the options available to it in dealing with acts of aggression against staff and other customers

Reason for legislation: to help address conduct interfering with Government providing benefits/services or affecting the work health safety of staff or people accessing those services

### **Crimes Legislation Amendment (Organised Crime and Other Measures) Bill**

- allow criminal intelligence held by the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission to be taken into account during the vetting process used for granting and revoking Aviation and Maritime Security Identity Cards

Reason for legislation: to implement a 2016 election commitment

Link to announcement: [2016 Coalition Election Commitment](#)

### **Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Amendment (Regulated Vessels) Bill**

- simplify the regulation of floating, product, storage and offtake vessels and floating storage units by treating them as security regulated ships
- clarify which vessels are defined as ‘regulated Australian ships’ for the purpose of the *Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003*

Reason for legislation: to simplify the current regulatory framework for the maritime industry

### **Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection and Other Measures) Bill**

- amend the *Migration Act 1958* to support the Government’s election commitments relating to asylum seekers and to strengthen Australia’s protection regime

Reason for legislation: to enhance the efficiency and integrity of Australia’s onshore protection programme

Link to announcement: [Media release of 25 March 2015](#)

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

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

Reason for legislation: to repeal the Act

### **Migration and Other Legislation Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill**

- amend the *Migration Act 1958* and the *Australian Citizenship Act 2007*, along with consequential amendments to other portfolio and non-portfolio legislation, to enable and facilitate, without compulsion, access to information held across Government for purposes related to immigration and citizenship decision making

Reason for legislation: to enable and facilitate the access to information from across the Government, related to immigration and citizenship decision making

## **INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE**

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### **Intellectual Property Laws Amendment (Productivity Commission Response Part 2 and Other Measures) Bill**

- implement some aspects of the Australian Government’s response to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Australia’s intellectual property arrangements
- make a number of technical amendments and improvements to the intellectual property system

Reason for legislation: to implement the Government’s response to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Australia’s intellectual property arrangements

Link to announcement: [Media release of 25 August 2017](#)

### **Timor Sea Maritime Boundaries Treaty Further Consequential Amendments Bill**

- give effect to the Maritime Boundary Treaty agreed between Australia and Timor-Leste

Reason for legislation: to implement the Government's commitment to bring into force the Maritime Boundary Treaty signed by Australia and Timor-Leste

Link to announcement: [Media release of 28 November 2018](#)

### **Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Incident Inspection Powers and Other Measures) 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

## **SOCIAL SERVICES**

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### **National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Worker Screening Database) Bill \***

- amend the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* to provide for the National Disability Insurance Scheme Quality and Safeguards Commission to establish a database for nationally consistent worker screening, for the purpose of minimising the risk of harm to people with disability from those who work closely with them

Reason for legislation: to establish and maintain the national clearance database

Link to announcement: [Media release of 18 December 2017](#)

## **TREASURY**

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### **Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Illegal Phoenixing) Bill \***

- implement reforms necessary to combat illegal phoenixing

Reason for legislation: to implement a Budget/MYEFO decision

Link to announcement: [Budget 2018-19 - Budget Paper No. 2](#)

### **Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill \***

- amend the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, the *Privacy Act 1988* and the *Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010* to introduce a Consumer Data Right (CDR) and Open Banking (the application of the CDR to the banking sector)

Reason for legislation: to implement a Budget/MYEFO decision

Link to announcement: [Media release of 9 May 2017](#)