

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Presented and read a first time, 30 May 1991

(Mr MacKellar)

**A BILL**

FOR

**An Act to amend section 5 of the *Ombudsman Act 1976***

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, as follows:

**Short title etc.**

5       1. (1) This Act may be cited as the *Ombudsman Amendment Act 1991*.

      (2) In this Act, "**Principal Act**" means the *Ombudsman Act 1976*<sup>1</sup>.

**Commencement**

10       2. This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**Functions of Ombudsman**

3. Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by adding at the end of subsection (1) the following word and paragraph:

"and (c) may, either of his own motion or in response to a complaint made to the Ombudsman, investigate any action, being action that relates to a programming decision of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation."

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**NOTE**

1. No. 181, 1976, as amended. For previous amendments, see No. 63, 1978; No. 107 and 155, 1979; No. 61, 1981; No. 61, 1983; No. 63, 1984; No. 65, 1985; No. 168, 1986; Nos. 109 and 119, 1988; and No. 63, 1989.

