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(Minister for Transport and Communications)

A BILL

FOR

**An Act to amend the *Satellite Communications Act 1984*,
and for related purposes**

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 *Satellite Communications Amendment Act 1988*.

(2) In this Act, "Principal Act" means the *Satellite Communications Act 1984*¹.

Commencement

10 **2.** (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

(2) Sections 3 and 4 commence on a day or days to be fixed by Proclamation.

Interpretation

3. Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting the definition of “neighbouring regions” and substituting the following definition:

“‘neighbouring regions’ means such countries and areas as are prescribed.”.

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Directors of Aussat

4. Section 9 of the Principal Act is amended:

(a) by omitting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) In this section:

‘Telecom director’ means a director of the Corporation, other than a government director (within the meaning of the *Telecommunications Act 1975*).”;

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(b) by omitting from paragraphs (2) (a) and (b) “prescribed persons” and substituting “Telecom directors or employees of the Corporation.”.

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5. After section 18 of the Principal Act the following sections are inserted:

Public Works Committee Act

“18A. The *Public Works Committee Act 1969* does not apply in relation to Aussat.

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Lands Acquisition Act

“18B. (1) The *Lands Acquisition Act 1955* does not apply in relation to the acquisition of land, or an interest in land, by Aussat by agreement.

“(2) In subsection (1):

‘interest’, in relation to land, means:

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(a) a legal or equitable estate or interest in the land; or

(b) a right, power or privilege over, or in relation to, the land.”.

Transitional provisions—directors

6. (1) If section 4 of this Act commences before section 11 of the *Telecommunications Amendment Act 1988*, section 9 of the Principal Act as amended by this Act has effect, until the commencement of that second-mentioned section, as if:

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(a) subsection (1) were omitted;

(b) references to the Corporation were references to the Commission; and

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(c) references to Telecom directors were references to the Managing Director of the Commission and other Commissioners holding office under section 22 of the *Telecommunications Act 1975*.

(2) If section 4 of this Act commences before section 13 of the *Telecommunications Amendment Act 1988*, section 9 of the Principal Act

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as amended by this Act has effect, until the commencement of that second-mentioned section, as if references to employees were references to officers or employees.

NOTE

1. No. 21, 1984.



