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SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE BILL 1994

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government)

(Circulated by the authority of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for
Housing and Regional Development, the Honourable Brian Howe MP)



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GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS

General Outline

These amendments have been prepared to reflect the significance of issues relating to domestic violence for the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP).

Notes on Amendments

Amendment (1)

The amendment will include in the proposed Preamble, in relation to actions taken by Australia to protect the rights of its citizens, reference to the fact that Australia has adopted the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Amendment (2)

To more clearly recognise domestic violence as a major factor in people - particularly women and their children - becoming homeless, the current definition of "people who are homeless" in the proposed clause 3 is to be removed and an amended definition substituted to include direct reference to domestic violence.

Financial Impact

These amendments have no separate financial impact.