

## **Firearms (Prohibited Firearms) Bill**

### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

This Bill makes a number of amendments to the **Firearms Act 1958** to facilitate the implementation of the national agreement in relation to the prohibition of certain firearms.

Clause 1 states the purpose of the Bill.

Clause 2 provides for commencement on Royal Assent.

Clause 3 states that the **Firearms Act 1958** is the Principal Act.

Clause 4 cancels existing authorities for prohibited firearms issued by the Registrar.

Clause 5 Sub-clause (1) requires the Registrar in considering the issue of an authority for a prohibited firearm to have regard to any directions given by the Minister.

Sub-clause (2) provides that the Minister in consultation with the Treasurer may approve a scheme of compensation.

Sub-clause (3) makes a consequential amendment to 32(4C) to reflect the power of the Minister to approve a scheme of compensation.

Sub-clause (4) repeals the requirement that the Firearms Consultative Committee must recommend a firearm as a prohibited firearm before it can be prescribed as such.

