

Executive Summary

This report provides the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights' view on the compatibility with human rights (as defined in the *Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011*) of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment Bill 2013.

This bill was introduced in the Senate on 6 February 2013.

In the normal course of events, the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights (the committee) would not table its comments on bills introduced during the sitting week commencing 5 February 2013 until Wednesday 13 March 2013.

However, the committee notes that this bill was referred to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (RRAT Committee) for inquiry and report by 12 March 2013. The committee has therefore decided to expedite its consideration of this bill to assist the RRAT Committee.

The committee has identified a number of human rights matters in relation to this bill. The committee has raised similar concerns in relation to bills considered in its previous reports. The committee's intention in publishing its comments on this bill at this earlier opportunity is purely to ensure that the RRAT Committee has the benefit of these comments early in its consideration of this bill. The committee hopes that this will also result in the Minister's response to the committee's comments on the bill being available to the RRAT Committee prior to the conclusion of its inquiry.

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