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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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The Protection Orders (Reciprocal Arrangements) (Amendment) Bill 1997 amends the *Protection Orders (Reciprocal Arrangements) (Amendment) Act 1992* to recognise orders which have been made in New Zealand.

Notes on Clauses

FORMAL PROVISIONS

Clauses 1,2 and 3 are formal provisions setting out the short title of the Bill, commencement arrangements and providing reference to the "Principal Act" in the Bill, is a reference to the *Protection Orders (Reciprocal Arrangements) (Amendment) Act 1992*.

INTERPRETATION

Clause 4 amends section 3 of the Act - and interpretation provision.

Paragraph 4(a) omits the definition of 'interstate court' and 'interstate order'

Paragraph 4(b) inserts two new definitions for the following terms which are introduced in the Bill - 'recognised order' and 'recognised court'.

'Recognised court' refers to a court in a State, another Territory or New Zealand that may make a recognised order.

'Recognised order' is defined to mean an order, made under a law of a State, another Territory or New Zealand, that has substantially the same effect as a protection order

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

Clause 5 makes a series of consequential amendments to provisions in the Principal Act consistent with the terminology used reflected in the new Schedule as adopted in the Bill.