THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ROYAL COMMISSIONS AND INQUIRIES (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) BILL 1990

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

New Clauses to be moved on behalf of the Government

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The Royal Commissions and Inquiries (Consequential Provisions) Bill provides for the amendment of legislation consequent to the Royal Commissions Bill 1990 and the Inquiries Bill 1990.

This amendment to the Schedule to the Royal Commissions and Inquiries (Consequential Provisions) Bill 1990 amends the <u>Freedom of Information Act 1989</u> as a consequence of the Royal Commissions Bill 1990 and of the Inquiries Bill 1990. The effect of the amendment is that the right to access to a document or documents provided for under the <u>Freedom of Information Act 1989</u> will not apply to a document or documents created by a Royal Commission appointed under the Royal Commissions Act or by a Board of Inquiry appointed under the Inquiries Act.

Details of the new clause to the Schedule is set out below.

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Subsection 4(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 1989 is amended to omit a reference to the Enquiry Act 1938, and to insert a reference to a Royal Commission appointed under the Royal Commissions Act 1991 and to a Board of Inquiry appointed under the Inquiries Act 1991 as being bodies which are not to be prescribed authorities for the purposes of the Act.