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ELECTORAL AMENDMENT BILL 2002 (NO. 2)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

This Bill provides for an amendment to the *Electoral Act 1992* to defer the start of the next redistribution of electoral boundaries until after 30 April 2003.

Financial Implications

None.

DETAILED EXPLANATION

Formal clauses

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 are formal requirements. They refer to the short title of the Act, commencement and to the Act being amended. The Act is to commence on the day after its notification day.

Timing of redistribution after 2001 ordinary election

Clause 4 inserts a new section 37A in the Electoral Act to provide that the redistribution process required to commence after the 20 October 2001 election must begin as soon as practicable after 30 April 2003. This replaces the existing requirement for the redistribution to commence as soon as practicable after the third Saturday in October 2002.

This clause expires on the date of the polling day for the next scheduled ordinary election, due to be held on 16 October 2004. Consequently, this clause will not apply to the timing of redistributions held after the 2004 election.