**REPRESENTATION ACT 1973**

**No. 40 of 1974**

An Act to amend the *Representation* *Act* 1905-1964.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen, the Senate and the House of Representatives of Australia, as follows:—

**Short title and citation.**

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the *Representation Act* 1973.

(2) The *Representation Act* 1905-1964 is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.

(3) The Principal Act, as amended by this Act, may be cited as the *Representation Act* 1905-1973.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**3.** After section 1 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted:—

**Definition.**

“1A. In this Act, ‘the people of the Commonwealth’ does not include the people of any Territory”.

**Gazettal of certificate.**

**4.** Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting all the words after the word “certificate” (second occurring) and substituting the words “shall be laid before each House of the Parliament within thirty sitting days of that House after the certificate is made ”.

**Determination of representation of the States.**

**5.** Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting from paragraph (a) the word “Senators” and substituting the words “the Senators for the States”.

**Power to make regulations.**

**6.** Section 13 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting subsection (2) and substituting the following sub-section:—

“(2) Regulations made under this Act shall be laid before each House of the Parliament within fifteen sitting days of that House after the regulations are made”.

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