**PARLIAMENT ACT 1974**

**No. 165 of 1974**

An Act to determine the site of the New and Permanent Parliament House, and for other purposes.

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

**Short title.**

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Parliament Act 1974.

**Commencement.**

**2.** This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.1

**Definition.**

**3.** In this Act “Parliamentary zone” means the area of land bounded by the lines commencing at a point where Commonwealth Avenue intersects State Circle marked A, and thence in a northerly direction along Commonwealth Avenue to Lake Burley Griffin at a point marked B, and thence extending in an easterly direction along the shore of Lake Burley Griffin to a point where Kings Avenue intersects with the said Lake shore marked C, and thence in a south-westerly direction along Kings Avenue to State Circle at a point marked D, and thence in a straight line, being an extension of Kings Avenue, to its intersection with Capital Circle and thence clockwise around Capital Circle to a point where it intersects with a straight line extending Commonwealth Avenue from the point marked A and thence along that line to the point of commencement, being the area delineated by hatching on the plan set out in the Schedule.

**Site of new Parliament House.**

**4.** The new and permanent Parliament House proposed to be constructed after the commencement of this Act shall be constructed upon the site on Capital Hill marked “Site of Parliament House” on the plan set out in the Schedule.

**Parliamentary control of erection of buildings or other work within Parliamentary zone.**

**5.** (1) No building or other work is to be erected on land within the Parliamentary zone unless the Minister has caused a proposal for the erection of the building or work to be laid before each House of the Parliament and the proposal has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

(2) Sub-section (1) does not prevent the carrying out of work by way of maintenance or repair of buildings or works situated on land within the Parliamentary zone, or by way of internal alterations to those buildings or works.

(3) Sub-section (1) does not apply to buildings and works which have reached the documentation stage by 1 December 1974.

**SCHEDULE** Sections 3 and 4

