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[Assented to 1 October 1999]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Commission Amendment Act (No. 1) 1999*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.
- (2) If Schedule 2 to the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Act 1996* commences on or after the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent, then the amendments made by Schedule 1 to this Act commence immediately after the commencement of Schedule 2 to the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Act 1996*.

3 Schedule(s)

Subject to section 2, each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989

1 Section 27

Repeal the section, substitute:

27 Constitution of the Commission

- (1) The Commission consists of the members appointed by the Minister under this section.
- (2) The Minister must appoint as members of the Commission the persons elected under Division 7 of Part 3 to represent the several zones.

Note: A Commissioner who is elected as the Commission Chairperson ceases to hold office under Division 7 of Part 3 and as a Regional Councillor. See section 31A.

2 At the end of section 31A

Add:

- (3) A Commissioner who is elected as the Commission Chairperson:
 - (a) ceases to hold office as a person elected under Division 7 of Part 3 to represent a zone; and
 - (b) ceases to hold office as a Regional Councillor.

Note: The vacated offices will be filled in accordance with the procedures set out in the zone election rules and the Regional Council election rules.

3 After subsection 39(1A)

Insert:

- (1AA) A Commission Chairperson who resigns under subsection (1A) is taken to have also resigned as a member of the Commission.

*[Minister's second reading speech made in—
Senate on 11 August 1999
House of Representatives on 2 September 1999]*

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