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No. 46, 2003

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and for related purposes**

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[Assented to 26 June 2003]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Acts Interpretation Amendment (Court Procedures) Act 2003*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences, or is taken to have commenced, on 7 July 2003.

3 Schedule(s)

Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.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—Acts Interpretation Act 1901

1 After section 27

Insert:

27A Documents commencing proceedings

A reference in a provision of an Act to any one or more of the following in connection with court proceedings:

- (a) a summons;
- (b) an information;
- (c) a claim;
- (d) a complaint;
- (e) a declaration;

is taken to include a reference to any document through which proceedings may be instituted in a court.

Note: An example of such a document is a court attendance notice under the *Criminal Procedure Act 1986* of New South Wales.

2 Application

The amendment made by this Schedule applies in relation to proceedings instituted on or after 7 July 2003.

*[Minister's second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 5 June 2003
Senate on 18 June 2003]*

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