

Crimes (Aviation) Regulations 1992 No. 66

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Crimes (Aviation) Act 1991

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Section 52 of the *Crimes (Aviation) Act 1991* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of the Act. Paragraphs 26(1)(a) and (2)(a) create certain offences in connection with acts of violence at a "prescribed airport" and subparagraph (a)(iii) of the definition of "authorised person" in section 3 refers to a "prescribed airport".

The regulations remake, without change, the existing Crimes (Protection of Aircraft) Regulations (SR 217 of 1991) which will be repealed with their parent Act when the Act comes into force. They prescribe 16 major Australian airports and also each airport serving international civil aviation located outside Australia.

Details of the regulations are as follows -

Regulation 1 provides that the regulations may be cited as the Crimes (Aviation) Regulations.

Regulation 2 specifies that the regulations come into force on 16 March 1992.

Regulation 3 defines the parent Act as the *Crimes (Aviation) Act 1991*.

Regulation 4 provides that each airport named in the Schedule, and each airport serving international civil aviation located outside Australia, is a prescribed airport for the purposes of paragraphs 26(1)(a) and (2)(a) and subparagraph (a)(iii) of the definition of "authorised person" in section 3 of the Act. This has the effect of applying the offences created in subsections 26(1) and (2) to those airports. It also has the effect of making the manager of each of those airports located in Australia an authorised person who may exercise the custodial powers conferred under sections 30 and 33 of the Act.

The Schedule lists the prescribed airports in Australia.