Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations (Amendment) 1998 No. 209

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1998 No. 209

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Airports Act 1996

Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations (Amendment)

Section 252 of the Airports Act 1996 (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations prescribing matters that are required or permitted by the Act to be prescribed, or that are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to the Act.

Sections 114 and 131A of the Act provide that regulations may specify an airport to which Part 6, Division 2 and Part 6, Division 3 respectively of the Act will apply. Divisions 2 and 3 of Part 6 provide for environmental standards, the preparation of environment strategies and the control of on-airport pollution at leased federal airports.

The purpose of the Amendment to the Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations (the Regulations) is to apply Divisions 2 and 3 of Part 6 of the Act to various specified non-core regulated airports in order to continue Commonwealth regulatory oversight in relation to environmental management at those airports. These airports are Bankstown, Camden and Hoxton Park in Sydney, New South Wales (see items 3, 4), which are being corporatised on 1 July 1998.

Further details of the amendments to the Regulations appear in the Attachment.

The Amendment to the Regulations commenced on 1 July 1998.

ATTACHMENT

Item 1 - Commencement

Item 1 provides that the Regulations will commence on 1 July 1998.

Item 2 - Amendment

Item 2 provides that the Airports (Environment Protection) Regulations are amended as set out in these Regulations.

Item 3 - Amended Regulation 1.03A

Item 3 amends regulation 1.03A to apply Division 3 of Part 6 of the Airports Act 1996 (the Act) to the following non-core regulated airports: Bankstown, Camden and Hoxton Park in New South Wales.

Division 3 of Part 6 provides for environmental standards and the control of on-airport pollution at leased airports.

Item 4 - Amended Regulation 3.01

Item 4 amends regulation 3.01 to apply Division 2 of Part 6 of the Act to the following non-core regulated airports: Bankstown, Camden and Hoxton Park in New South Wales.

Division 2 of Part 6 requires draft environment strategies for leased airports to be prepared and approved by the Minister.