

# **Electoral and Referendum Amendment Regulations 2002 (No. 1)**

## **2002 No. 117**

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

#### **Statutory Rules 2002 No. 117**

Issued by the authority of the Special Minister of State

*Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*

*Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*

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Section 395 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* provides that the Governor-General may make Regulations for the purposes of the Act.

Section 144 of the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984* provides that the Governor-General may make Regulations for the purposes of the Act.

The Regulations amended the Electoral and Referendum Regulations 1940 to correct the references to paragraphs in section 245 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and section 45 of the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984* which had been amended by the *Finance and Administration Legislation Amendment (Application of the Criminal Code) Act 2001* to bring offence provisions in those sections into line with the Criminal Code.

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Regulation 1 names the Regulations.

Regulation 2 provides that the Regulations will commence on gazettal.

Regulation 3 provides that Schedule 1 amends the Electoral and Referendum Regulations 1940.

#### **Schedule 1**

**Item 1** amends Subregulation 81(1) to update the references to paragraph 245 (15)(a) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and paragraph 45(14)(a) of the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*.

**Item 2** amends Subregulation 83(1) to update the references to paragraphs 245(15)(a) and (b) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* and paragraphs 45(14)(a) and (b) of the *Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Act 1984*.

The Regulations commence on gazettal.