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**INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS
(REGISTRATION CHARGE -EXCISE)
BILL 1997**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Industrial Relations,
the Honourable Peter Reith MP)

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Outline

The Industrial Chemicals (Registration Charge - Excise) Bill is one of a package of four bills which introduce a registration charge on the importers and manufacturers of industrial chemicals.

This Bill has, as its main purpose, measures that allow for the imposition of a charge on industrial chemicals.

Financial Impact Statement

The charging regime imposed by this and associated Bills will fund the assessment of existing industrial chemicals under the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989*.

This will result in annual savings to the Commonwealth Budget of \$0.86 million from 1997/98 onward.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1 - Short Title

1. This is a formal provision specifying the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 - Commencement

2. This clause provides for the Bill to commence at the same time as the commencement of Part 3A of the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989*. Part 3A (which is to be included by the Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Amendment Bill 1997) establishes a register of industrial chemical introducers and sets out the method by which the charge imposed (in part) by this Bill is to be calculated.

Clause 3 - Imposition of charge

3. Subclause (1) imposes the charge that is payable in accordance with section 80S of the *Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989*.
4. Subclause (2) defines the charge imposed to be a duty of excise within the meaning of section 55 of the Constitution, that is, that it is imposed on industrial chemicals manufactured in Australia.