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**A Bill for an Act to amend the *Patents Act 1990*,
and for related purposes**

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and for related purposes**

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Patents Amendment Act 1996*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

3 Schedules

The Acts specified in the Schedules are amended in accordance with the applicable items in the Schedules, and the other items in the Schedules have effect according to their terms.

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Schedule 1—Amendment of the Patents Act 1990

1 At the end of section 18

Add:

- (3) The following are not to be regarded as possessing the quality of novelty or inventiveness for the purposes of this section:
 - (a) naturally occurring genes; or
 - (b) naturally occurring gene sequences; or
 - (c) descriptions of the base sequence of a naturally occurring gene or a naturally occurring gene sequence.