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THE SENATE

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**Commonwealth Grants Commission  
Amendment (GST Distribution) Bill 2015**

**No.     , 2015**

*(Senator Wang)*

**A Bill for an Act to amend the *Commonwealth  
Grants Commission Act 1973*, and for related  
purposes**



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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

**1 Short title**

This Act may be cited as the *Commonwealth Grants Commission Amendment (GST Distribution) Act 2015*.

**2 Commencement**

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

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<b>Commencement information</b>		
<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>Provisions</b>	<b>Commencement</b>	<b>Date/Details</b>
1. The whole of the Act	The day after this Act receives the Royal Assent.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

### **3 Schedules**

Legislation that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.

## **Schedule 1—Amendments**

### ***Commonwealth Grants Commission Act 1973***

#### **1 After section 16AA**

Insert:

#### **16AB Inquiries relating to the distribution of Goods and Services Tax revenue**

If:

- (a) the Commission conducts an inquiry under section 16, 16A or 16AA in relation to the distribution of the Goods and Services Tax revenue among the States, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory in relation to a financial year; and
- (b) in conducting its inquiry, the Commission considers the mining revenue of a State or Territory; and
- (c) the Commission reports to the Minister;

then, in conducting the inquiry, and making the report, the Commission must only take account of the mining revenue for the most recent financial year for which data is available at the time the inquiry is conducted.