

Electoral and Referendum Regulations (Amendment) 1995 No. 322

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Statutory Rules 1995 No. 322

Issued by the authority of the Assistant Treasurer for the Minister for Administrative Services

Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918

Electoral and Referendum Regulations (Amendment)

Section 395 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the CEA) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of the CEA.

The amendment is to Schedule 2 of the Electoral and Referendum Regulations in force under the CEA.

Schedule 2 sets out the Commonwealth Departments and Authorities specified for the purposes of paragraphs 91(10)(a) and (b) of the CEA that are entitled, under subsection 91(10) of the CEA, to receive information set out in subsection 91(9) of the CEA, that is, information which discloses the particulars of occupations, sex or dates of birth of electors.

The Trade Practices Commission is listed in Part 2 of Schedule 2. Amendments to the *Trade Practices Act 1974* by the *Competition Policy Reform Act 1995* (the CPR Act) will abolish the Trade Practices Commission, and replace it with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

The abolition of the Trade Practices Commission and the establishment of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on proclamation of Part 3 of the CPR Act will require consequential amendment to the Electoral and Referendum Regulations to update this name.

The amendments to Schedule 2 of the Electoral and Referendum Regulations commence on gazettal.