EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by the authority of the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989

TORRES STRAIT REGIONAL AUTHORITY AMENDMENT RULES 2003
(No. 1)

These Amendment Rules were made under section 142S of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989 (the ATSIC Act). Subsection 142S(1) of the ATSIC Act provides that the Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, declare that he is satisfied that the Torres Strait Regional Authority (the TSRA) would best be able to represent the Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal persons living in the Torres Strait area if it consisted of, or included, persons elected to represent particular communities in that area under the Queensland Community Services (Torres Strait) Act 1984 (the Queensland Act). Subsection 142S(2) of the ATSIC Act further provides that the Notice must set out details of how the TSRA is to be constituted and may include provision for some members of the TSRA to be elected under the ATSIC Act to represent particular communities in the Torres Strait.

The Schedule to the existing Notice sets out the Torres Strait Regional Authority Rules 2003 (the TSRA Rules). The purpose of these Amendment Rules is to rectify an error in the TSRA Rules.

Rule 1 titles the Amendment Rules.

Rule 2 provides for commencement on gazettal.

Rule 3 provides a Schedule of Amendment which changes the reference in the heading in the existing TSRA Rule 7 from section 20 of the Queensland Act to section 18 of the Queensland Act. The heading will now correctly describe the content of Rule 7.