## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT STATUTORY RULES 1985 NO. 211 ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

The Australian Military Regulations ("the Regulations"), made under the Defence Act 1903, prescribe various matters relating to the organization and administration of the Army and, in particular, the period of engagement in various parts of the Army, including the Regular Army Emergency Reserve.

This Statutory Rule amends the Regulations by reducing the prescribed period of engagement for members of the Regular Army Emergency Reserve from 4 years to 3 years. The Regular Army Emergency Reserve is intended to provide a pool of ex-Permanent Force members without a training commitment. Such members do not retain their effectiveness for longer than 3 years, and the shorter engagement period is aligned to this assessment.

## Commencement

The Statutory Rule comes into operation on the date of gazettal.

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