

Airports Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 1) 2001 No. 222

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 2001 No. 222

Issued by the authority of the Minister for Transport and Regional Services

Airports Act 1996

Airports Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 1)

Section 252 of the *Airports Act 1996* (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations prescribing matters required or permitted under the Act or necessary or convenient for giving effect to the Act.

Section 5 of the Act defines an airport site as a place that is declared by the regulations to be an airport site, a Commonwealth place and used, or intended to be used, as an airport.

For the purposes of section 5 of the Act, paragraph 1.03(pa) of the Airports Regulations 1997 provides that Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport is the place made up of the land described in Part 1.16A of Schedule 1 to the Regulations.

Sydney Airport Corporation Limited (SACL) has a lease for the Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport. Under section 161 of the Act the airport site may not be varied by regulation without the written consent of the lessee.

The Commonwealth has acquired 12.4ha of land to the northwest of the airport across the Alexandra Canal and adjacent to the Global Freight Terminal to form part of the Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport site. SACL commenced negotiations to purchase the land in 1999. The land is intended to be used for aviation related facilities such as catering and freight handling. A map indicating the location of the sites is attached.

SACL has requested that the Regulations be varied to include the additional land.

The Regulations amend Part 1.16A in Schedule 1 to incorporate the additional land into the airport site.

Details of the Regulations are contained in the attachment.

The Regulations commence on gazettal.

ATTACHMENT

AIRPORTS AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (No. 1)

Regulation 1 - Name of regulations

The regulations are called the Airports Amendment Regulations 2001 (No. 1)

Regulation 2 - Commencement

The regulations commence on gazettal.

Regulation 3 - Amendment of Airports Regulations 1997

The Airports Regulations are amended as set out in Schedule 1.

Schedule 1 - Amendments

Items 1 and 2 - Schedule 1, Part 1.16A

The amendment adds new folio identifiers to the description of the Sydney (Kingsford-Smith) Airport site.