EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Migration Act 1958

VISA CAPPING FOR 2005/2006 FINANCIAL YEAR: CONTRIBUTORY AGED PARENT (TEMPORARY) (CLASS UU) VISAS

(SECTION 85)

- 1. This Instrument is made under section 85 of the *Migration Act 1958* ('the Act').
- 2. Section 85 of the Act allows the Minister to determine by Gazette Notice the maximum number of the visas of a specified class or the visas of specified classes that may be granted in a specified financial year.
- 3. The purpose of the Instrument is to impose a cap on the number of Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) (Class UU) visas granted for the 2005/2006 financial year. This visa is subject to visa capping due to high demand and limited number of places available. Once the limit for a specific financial year has been reached, no further visas can be granted in that financial year. This will affect only a small number of applicants this financial year. Their applications will be carried over and decided early in the 2006/2007 financial year.
- 4. This Instrument operates to impose a maximum number of 26 Contributory Aged Parent (Temporary) (Class UU) visas that may be granted for the 2005/2006 financial year.
- 5. This Instrument does not have a direct, or a substantial indirect, effect on business or restrict competition. As such, consultation was not undertaken.
- 6. The Instrument, IMMI 06/043, commences on the day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.