

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Minute No.43 of 2006 - Minister for Transport and Regional Services

Subject - *Aviation Transport Security Amendment Act 2006*

Proclamation

The *Aviation Transport Security Act 2004* (the Principal Act) establishes a regulatory framework to protect the security of civil aviation in Australia.

Schedule 1 to the *Aviation Transport Security Amendment Act 2006* (the Amendment Act) amends the Principal Act to provide a statutory framework for a new system of event zones that will to be used to manage events and activities that have special security requirements that fall outside routine operations at Australia's 187 security controlled airports.

Subsection 2(1) of the Amendment Act provides that items 1-19 and 21-35 of Schedule 1 to the Amendment Act will commence on a single day to be fixed by Proclamation, or at the end of 6 months from Royal Assent if not proclamation is made. Item 20 is self-executing and comes into force at the same time as items 1-19 of Schedule 1 provided that Schedule 2 of the Amendment Act has not yet commenced. However, Schedule 2 is not planned to commence until some time during 2007.

The Proclamation fixes 4 December 2006 as the day on which Schedule 1 to the Amendment Act commences. Amendments to the *Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005* commence on the same day and prescribe various matters that are related to the establishment and management of event zones. The proposed commencement date was determined after consultation with industry.

The Minute recommends that the Proclamation be made in the form proposed.

Authority: Subsection 2(1) of the
*Aviation Transport Security
Amendment Act 2006*