

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship

Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection) Act 2011

Proclamation

Item 2 of the table in subsection 2(1) of the *Migration Amendment (Complementary Protection) Act 2011* (the Act) provides for items 1 to 17 of Schedule 1 to the Act to commence on a single day to be fixed by Proclamation. However, if any of the provisions of Schedule 1 do not commence within the period of six months beginning on the day the Act receives the Royal Assent, then those provisions commence on the day after the end of that six month period. The Act received the Royal Assent on 14 October 2011.

The purpose of the Proclamation is to fix 24 March 2012 as the day on which items 1 to 17 of Schedule 1 to the Act commence.

Schedule 1 contains the operative provisions of the Act which amends the *Migration Act 1958* to introduce greater efficiency, transparency and accountability into Australia's arrangements for adhering to its non-refoulement obligations under relevant human rights instruments which Australia is a party to.

The Proclamation is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.