Air Navigation (Smoking) Amendment Bill 1987
(Private Senator’s Bill)

Date Introduced: 19 March 1987
House: Senate
Presented by: Senator the Hon. David Vigor

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Purpose
To prohibit smoking in aircraft or aerodrome except in specially designed areas.

Background
In recent years the dangers of 'passive smoking' (i.e. the inhalation of cigarette smoke from another) have been recognised both in Australia and overseas. The National Health and Medical Research Council reviewed the subject in a report titled 'Effects of Passive Smoking on Health' and concluded that passive smoking constituted a health risk, particularly for asthmatics and those with respiratory diseases.

Main Provisions
Clause 3 will insert a new section 26A into the Air Navigation Act 1920 to prohibit smoking in aircraft or aerodromes except in places that are so designed that the smoke cannot enter the rest of the aircraft or aerodrome as the case may be. The penalty for a breach of the proposed section will be a fine of $5 000 or six months imprisonment.

For further information, if required, contact the Education and Welfare group.

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