Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government

(Circulated by the authority of the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Jenny Macklin MP)
OUTLINE

These amendments are to withdraw from the Bill the measure relating to the Indigenous Land Corporation (Schedule 2).

The measure as introduced would have made amendments to the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005* to include a power for the Minister to make guidelines that the Indigenous Land Corporation must have regard to in deciding whether to perform its functions in support of a native title settlement and, if it decides to perform its functions in support of a native title settlement, in performing its functions in support of that settlement.

The measure is being withdrawn from the Bill pending further consultation on the proposed guidelines. With the withdrawal of the measure, consultations can continue without delaying the remaining measures in the Bill (scheduling further Aboriginal land and amendments in connection with the election of members to the Torres Strait Regional Authority), which can progress with a view to passage as soon as possible.

Financial impact statement

There is no financial impact from these amendments.
NOTES ON AMENDMENTS

Amendment 1 amends the long title of the Bill to remove the reference to the Indigenous Land Corporation measure as a purpose of the Bill.

Amendment 2 removes the reference to the Indigenous Land Corporation measure from the commencement clause in the Bill.

Amendment 3 omits Schedule 2, which contains the Indigenous Land Corporation measure.