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Flexible Foreign Policy Bill 2021

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

and

STATEMENT OF COMPATIBILITY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS

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OUTLINE

This Bill repeals the Protected Sovereign States and Territories Bill 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This Bill has a positive impact on the Commonwealth's financial situation, by no longer binding the Commonwealth to send exorbitant aid to other states.

STATEMENT OF COMPATIBILITY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011

Flexible Foreign Policy Bill 2021

This bill is compatible with the human rights and freedoms recognised or declared in the international instruments listed in section 3 of the Human Rights (Parliamentary Scrutiny) Act 2011.

HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

This Bill dramatically expands the human rights of the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs by allowing them to make changes to foreign policy that were forbidden by the Protected Sovereign States and Territories Act 2020.

Conclusion

This bill is compatible with human rights because it enhances them.

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