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**GREEN AUSTRALIA SCHEME ACT 2021**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**and**

**STATEMENT OF COMPATIBILITY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS**

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## **OUTLINE**

The Green Australia Scheme Act 2021 establishes the Green Australia Scheme Commission, to oversee and regulate the execution of the provisions of the Act and any accompanying legislative instruments issued by the Government of the day in regards to the goals of the Scheme established by Section 12 of the Act. It also establishes the Office of Reforestation, the Office of Irrigation, and the Office of Green Industry as subsidiary branches of the Commission and allocates to them individual authority to carry through the duties entrusted to them by the Commission and the Government. This Act provides for the establishment and distribution of green zones that are designed for the specific purpose of developing renewable energy plants and industry sites. This Act also enables the Government of the day to pass legislation and issue legislative instruments to further strengthen the ability of the Government to carry out the goals inscribed in Section 12.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The Commission is allocated \$3 billion to perform its duties, including any money to the Office of Reforestation, the Office of Irrigation, the Office of Green Industry, and any other subsidiary branches.

## **STATEMENT OF COMPATIBILITY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS**

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

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**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 does not engage any of the applicable rights or freedoms.

#### **Conclusion**

This bill is compatible with human rights because it does not otherwise raise any human rights issues.

**The Hon. /u/RMSteve MP**