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**THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

**Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Extending the Right to Vote to  
Permanent Residents) Act 2021**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**and**

**STATEMENT OF COMPATIBILITY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS**

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## **Medibank (Nationalisation) Bill 2021**

### **OUTLINE**

This bill extends the right to vote to Australian Residents, which is defined in the existing legislation as anyone holding a Permanent Residency Class Visa.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There will be a negligible financial impact.

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

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

### **Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Extending the Right to Vote to Permanent Residents) Act 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 works to extend the right to take part in public affairs and to vote, thereby having positive human rights implications.

#### **Conclusion**

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

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