

## **Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2013**

*Introduced into the House of Representatives on 20 March 2013*

*Portfolio: Home Affairs*

### **Overview**

1.33 This bill amends the *Customs Tariff Act 1995* to incorporate five technical alterations into the customs tariff that were contained in Customs Tariff Proposal (No. 1) 2013, which was tabled in the House of Representatives on 14 February 2013.

1.34 The explanatory memorandum explains that:

The Customs Tariff Proposal mechanism is used for effecting alterations to the Customs Tariff, particularly when such alterations are required to have effect in a short time frame that cannot be achieved through a Customs Tariff Amendment Bill. Customs Tariff Proposals are used most commonly for introducing new items, for changing rates of duty or for restructuring items in the Schedules to the Customs Tariff.

When the Parliament is sitting, Customs Tariff Proposals are tabled in the House of Representatives, specifying alterations to the Customs Tariff.

Following the introduction of a Customs Tariff Proposal in the House of Representatives, the alterations contained in the Proposal are incorporated in a Customs Tariff Amendment Bill that is introduced into and debated by the Parliament.

### **Compatibility with human rights**

1.35 The bill is accompanied by a self-contained statement of compatibility which states that the bill does not engage any human rights.

**1.36 The committee considers that the bill does not appear to give rise to any human rights concerns.**