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**A Bill for an Act to amend the *Native Title Act 1993*,
and for related purposes**

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2 **and for related purposes**

3 The Parliament of Australia enacts:

4 **1 Short title**

5 This Act may be cited as the *Native Title Amendment Act 1997*.

6 **2 Commencement**

7 (1) Sections 1, 2 and 3 commence on the day on which this Act
8 receives the Royal Assent.

9 (2) Subject to subsection (3), Part 1 of Schedule 3 commences on a
10 day to be fixed by Proclamation.