

143.3 False Commonwealth documents

- (1) For the purposes of this Part, a document is a *false Commonwealth document* if, and only if:
 - (a) the document, or any part of the document:
 - (i) purports to have been made in the form in which it is made by a Commonwealth entity, or a Commonwealth public official, who did not make it in that form; or
 - (ii) purports to have been made in the form in which it is made on the authority of a Commonwealth entity, or a Commonwealth public official, who did not authorise its making in that form; or
 - (b) the document, or any part of the document:
 - (i) purports to have been made in the terms in which it is made by a Commonwealth entity, or a Commonwealth public official, who did not make it in those terms; or
 - (ii) purports to have been made in the terms in which it is made on the authority of a Commonwealth entity, or a Commonwealth public official, who did not authorise its making in those terms; or
 - (c) the document, or any part of the document:
 - (i) purports to have been altered in any respect by a Commonwealth entity, or a Commonwealth public official, who did not alter it in that respect; or
 - (ii) purports to have been altered in any respect on the authority of a Commonwealth entity, or a Commonwealth public official, who did not authorise its alteration in that respect; or
 - (d) the document, or any part of the document:
 - (i) purports to have been made or altered by a Commonwealth entity, or a Commonwealth public official, who did not exist; or
 - (ii) purports to have been made or altered on the authority of a Commonwealth entity, or a Commonwealth public official, who did not exist; or
 - (e) the document, or any part of the document, purports to have been made or altered by a Commonwealth entity, or a Commonwealth public official, on a date on which, at a time at which, at a place at which, or otherwise in circumstances in which, it was not made or altered.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part, a person is taken to *make* a false Commonwealth document if the person alters a document so as to make it a false Commonwealth document (whether or not it was already a false Commonwealth document before the alteration).
- (3) This section has effect as if a document that purports to be a true copy of another document were the original document.
- (4) A reference in this section to a *Commonwealth public official* is a reference to a person in the person's capacity as a Commonwealth public official.