

Transport Affordability Amendment Bill 2026

Statement of Compatibility

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 38 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, I, Bart Mellish MP, Shadow Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Shadow Minister for Veterans make this statement of compatibility with respect to the *Transport Affordability Amendment Bill 2026*.

In my opinion, the Bill is compatible with the human rights protected by the *Human Rights Act 2019*. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the amendments

The purpose of the Bill is to support Queenslanders to access affordable transportation options to support their everyday life.

This Bill will:

- Support the limitation of petrol prices in Queensland to ensure that any daily increases are capped at 5 cents; and
- provide a transparent mechanism to ensure that if a government of the day wishes to increase public transport fares introduced by the former Labor Government at 50 cents, then a motion will be required to be put to the Legislative Assembly of the Queensland Parliament and only if that motion passes can public transport fares increase.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the Bill (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

In my opinion, the right to freedom of movement (section 19) is relevant to this Bill.

Transportation, whether it is public transport or private transport is essential for many Queenslanders to move freely around the state. Expensive public transport fares and fuel prices can act as a barrier, restricting access to jobs, education, healthcare and social activities.

In my opinion, there are no human rights limited by the Bill.

Conclusion

In my opinion, the Bill is compatible with human rights under the *Human Rights Act 2019* because it does not limit a human right.

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