

Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

Explanatory Notes

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Amendments to be moved during Consideration in Detail by Mr Andrew Powell MP, Member for Glass House

Title of the Bill

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Objectives of the Amendments

The amendments seek to implement recommendations made by the Transportation and Utilities Committee of the Queensland Parliament in relation to the eligibility of payments made through the industry assistance scheme and provide certainty to the industry by setting timelines for the Minister to meet for the next stage of the proposed changes.

Achievements of the Objectives

The objectives of the amendments have been achieved by inserting provisions in clause 141 of the bill which inserts new s 155A to the *Transport Infrastructure (Passenger Transport) Act 1994*. The amendments also include the insertion of a new part to the *Transport Infrastructure (Passenger Transport) Act 1994* to implement particular recommendations of parliamentary committee.

Alternative Ways of Achieving Policy Objectives

There are no alternate ways of achieving these policy objectives by a non-government member of parliament. In the absence of clear detail and timeframe commitments by the Minister, the opposition considers these amendments to be the most appropriate way for the Parliament to consider this issue.

Estimated Cost for Government Implementation

The Opposition is unaware of anticipated costs to government for implementation.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The opposition considers these amendments consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

There has been no formal public consultation undertaken on the amendments.

Consistency with legislation of other jurisdictions

Not applicable, these amendments do not affect the changes to the Heavy Vehicle National Law Act.

Notes on provisions

Amendment 1 seeks to add provisions to clause 141 to the bill. These provisions will prevent the regulation established in the clause from:

- (a) excluding those eligible for assistance payments based upon the licence being held by a corporation or other entity;
- (b) limiting the assistance payments on the basis of the number of licences held.

The amendment also provides for the assistance scheme to be administered by the *Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority*.

Amendment 2 intends to provide the industry with certainty by stipulating the Minister tables a draft bill and proposed subordinate legislation to implement recommendations of the parliamentary committee within three months of the commencement of this bill, with the proposed commencement date being within six months of the commencement of this bill.