

Transport Administration Amendment (Travel Concession) Bill 2006

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Transport Administration Act 1988* (***the Principal Act***) to enable regulations to prescribe classes of persons who are not entitled:

(a) to subsidised travel under a scheme approved under the Principal Act for Government subsidised travel on passenger services, or

(b) to be issued with a free travel pass or concessional travel pass under the Principal Act.

Any such regulations will have effect despite various approvals, directions and determinations under the Principal Act and despite the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1977*.

The Bill inserts transitional provisions in the Principal Act. They provide that, until the regulations otherwise provide, full fee paying overseas students are not entitled to be issued with certain kinds of concessional travel passes. The students concerned are those who have been permitted to enter Australia on a visa issued on the basis that while in Australia they will be enrolled as full-time students at a tertiary educational institution, paying the full cost of their tuition, and will have sufficient funds to meet their educational and living costs in Australia.

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on assent.

Clause 3 is a formal provision that gives effect to the amendments to the *Transport Administration Act 1988* set out in Schedule 1.

Clause 4 provides for the repeal of the proposed Act after all the amendments made by the proposed Act have commenced. Once the amendments have commenced the proposed Act will be spent and section 30 of the *Interpretation Act 1987* provides that the repeal of an amending Act does not affect the amendments made by that Act.

Schedule 1 Amendments

Schedule 1 amends the Principal Act to give effect to the amendments mentioned in the Overview.