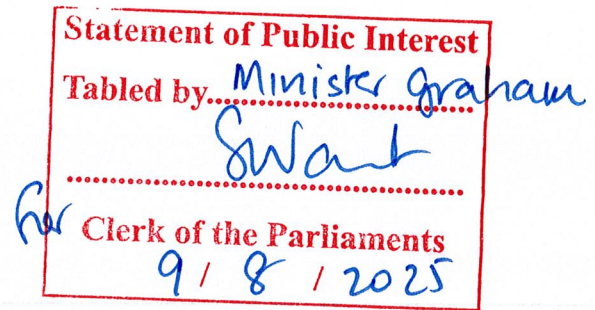




TRANSPORT LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2025

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Need: Why is the policy needed based on factual evidence and stakeholder input?

The purpose of the Bill is to make miscellaneous amendments to various Acts related to the Transport portfolio and to make consequential amendments to associated legislative instruments. The miscellaneous amendments are the result of periodic review of Transport Legislation to ensure Acts remain fit for purpose.

Objectives: What is the policy's objective couched in terms of the public interest?

The Bill includes miscellaneous amendments to Transport Legislation which are designed to:

- improve efficiency and effectiveness of administrative processes and reduce regulatory burden;
- clarify the effect of existing provisions to ensure consistent interpretation and application;
- ensure consistency with Commonwealth legislation;
- remove unnecessary statutory entities; and
- correct incorrect statutory references.

Options: What alternative policies & mechanisms were considered in advance of the bill?

The Bill includes proposed miscellaneous amendments to the *Transport Administration Act 1988*, *Roads Act 1993*, *Road Transport Act 2013*, *Marine Pollution Act 2012*, *Ports and Maritime Administration Act 1995*, the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989* and the *Community Improvements Districts Act 2025*, along with consequential amendments to associated legislative instruments. A number of the proposed amendments were considered for inclusion in the statute law revision (SLR) program. However, the amendments were considered to be outside of the scope of amendments allowable under the SLR program.

Analysis: What were the pros/cons and benefits/costs of each option considered?

The inclusion of the miscellaneous amendments to various Transport related Acts in a single Bill is considered the most efficient way of managing the Parliamentary process for the amendments.

Pathway: What are the timetable and steps for the policy's rollout and who will administer it?

A number of the provisions of the Bill will be commenced by way of proclamation to allow sufficient time for stakeholder engagement prior to the changes being implemented.

Consultation: Were the views of affected stakeholders sought and considered in making the policy?

A stakeholder communications strategy will be implemented prior to the commencement of the changes proposed to road works speed limits.

Stakeholders will be advised of the proposed name change for the 'Newcastle Port Corporation' to the 'Port Authority of New South Wales' prior to the name change coming into effect.

Stakeholders will be advised of the proposed amendment to the *Marine Pollution Act 2012* concerning garbage record book requirements prior to the change commencing.