

ROAD LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Statement of compatibility

Mr PALLAS (Minister for Roads and Ports) tabled following statement in accordance with Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act.

In accordance with section 28 of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities, I make this statement of compatibility with respect to the Road Legislation Amendment Bill 2007.

In my opinion the Road Legislation Amendment Bill 2007, as introduced to the Legislative Assembly, is compatible with the human rights protected by the charter. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the bill

The bill makes a technical amendment to the definition of 'trip' in the EastLink Project Act 2004 to reflect the tolling technology and changes to the Melbourne CityLink Act 1995 to support interoperability. It also extends the area in respect of which the Southern and Eastern Integrated Transport Authority is a 'referral authority'.

The bill makes technical amendments to the process for nominations for 'owner onus' offences, to replace the requirement for a sworn statement or statutory declaration with a simpler statement requirement.

Human rights issues

1. Human rights protected by the charter that are relevant to the bill

The bill does not affect any human rights protected by the charter.

2. Consideration of reasonable limitations -- section 7(2)

The bill does not impose any restrictions on human rights protected by the charter.

Conclusion

I consider that the bill is compatible with the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities because it does not limit, restrict or interfere with any human rights protected by the charter.

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Minister for Roads and Ports