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Transport Administration Amendment (Closure of Railway Line at Newcastle) Bill 2015

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* to authorise a rail infrastructure owner (within the meaning of the Act) to close the public railway line that runs from Railway Street, Wickham, to Newcastle railway station. The authorisation is for the purposes of section 99A of the Act, which prohibits a rail infrastructure owner from closing a railway line (by selling or otherwise disposing of the land concerned or by removing the railway tracks and other works concerned) unless authorised to do so by an Act of Parliament.

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 the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 amends the *Transport Administration Act 1988* to give effect to the object set out in the Overview above.



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No. , 2015

A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Transport Administration Act 1988* to authorise the closure of the railway line from Wickham to Newcastle.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>Transport Administration Amendment (Closure of Railway Line at Newcastle) Act 2015</i> .	3 4
2 Commencement	5
This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	6
3 Amendment of Transport Administration Act 1988 No 109	7
Schedule 7 Savings, transitional and other provisions	8
Insert at the end of the Schedule, with appropriate Part and clause numbering:	9
Part Provisions authorising closure of railway line	10
Closure of railway line	11
(1) For the purposes of section 99A, a rail infrastructure owner is authorised to close the whole or any part of the railway line that runs from Railway Street, Wickham, to Newcastle railway station, corner of Scott and Watt Streets, Newcastle.	12 13 14 15
(2) Accordingly, a rail infrastructure owner authorised under subclause (1) may sell or otherwise dispose of the land concerned and remove the railway tracks and other works concerned.	16 17 18
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This Part extends to any action taken by a rail infrastructure owner before the commencement of this Part.	20 21