

Act No. 50

**STATE ROADS (SYDNEY HARBOUR TUNNEL)  
AMENDMENT BILL 1987**

NEW SOUTH WALES



**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**(This Explanatory Note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament)**

This Bill is cognate with the Sydney Harbour Tunnel (Private Joint Venture) Bill 1987.

The object of this Bill is to amend the State Roads Act 1986 so as to make provision consequent upon—

- (a) the enactment of the Sydney Harbour Tunnel (Private Joint Venture) Act 1987;  
and
- (b) the repeal of the Sydney Harbour Bridge (Administration) Act 1932.

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Clause 1 specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 gives effect to the Schedule of amendments.

Schedule 1 (2) (b) amends section 4 of the Principal Act so as to declare that the Sydney Harbour Bridge is a main road.

Schedule 1 (4) (d) amends section 35 of the Principal Act so as to provide that the tolls on the Sydney Harbour Bridge shall be fixed by the Commissioner for Main Roads by order published in the Gazette. The Commissioner will be required to have regard to movements in the Consumer Price Index when fixing tolls.

Schedule 1 (7) amends section 46 of the Principal Act so as to enable works within Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong to be declared to be toll works for the purposes of that Act.

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Schedule 1 (9) (e) amends section 74 of the Principal Act so as to ensure that the money payable to the Traffic Facilities Fund under section 23 (d) of the Traffic Authority Act 1976 is excluded from the Sydney Harbour Bridge toll money that, consequent upon the repeal of the Sydney Harbour Bridge (Administration) Act 1932, is to be paid to the Metropolitan Roads Fund.

Schedule 1 (10) amends section 75 of the Principal Act so as to provide that certain money (including the Sydney Harbour Bridge toll money) may only be used for purposes connected with the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Harbour Tunnel.

Schedule 1 (11) inserts a new section 79A into the Principal Act. The proposed section, which replaces a corresponding provision in the Sydney Harbour Bridge (Administration) Act 1932, provides for the State Rail Authority and the Urban Transit Authority to each contribute money to the Commissioner for Main Roads in relation to the carriage of passengers across the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Schedule 1 (13) inserts new sections 100A and 100B into the Principal Act. These sections—

- (a) make provision for the liability of the owner of a vehicle that is involved in a driving offence under the Principal Act (proposed section 100A); and
- (b) enable penalty notices to be given in respect of certain classes of driving offence under the Principal Act (proposed section 100B).

The remaining items of the Schedule consist of minor, consequential or ancillary amendments to the Principal Act.

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