

## ROAD IMPROVEMENT (SPECIAL FUNDING) BILL 1989

NEW SOUTH WALES



### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Business Franchise Licences (Petroleum Products) (Road Funding) Amendment Bill 1989 is cognate with this Bill.

The object of this Bill is to enact provisions—

- (a) to increase for 3 years the proportion of the value of petroleum products sold that is required to be paid in licence fees under the Business Franchise Licences (Petroleum Products) Act 1987; and
- (b) to require the extra revenue attributable to the increase mentioned in paragraph (a) to be applied only for the funding of road improvement and road safety (and to make it clear that the Roads and Traffic Authority has power to carry out the work concerned); and
- (c) to require certain matters to be taken into account in deciding how that extra revenue is to be spent.

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**Clause 1** specifies the short title of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the proposed Act to commence on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

**Clause 3** defines "Licensing Act" to mean the Business Franchise Licences (Petroleum Products) Act 1987 and "Authority" to mean the Roads and Traffic Authority.

**Clause 4** increases the proportion of the value of petroleum products sold during a period that is required to be paid as the fee for a licence under the Licensing Act. The increase is from 8.4 per cent to 15.55 per cent for motor spirit and from 14 per cent to 25.77 per cent for diesel fuel. The increase operates only for 3 years.

**Clause 5** requires the increased revenue attributable to the increase in licence fees under clause 4 to be used only for the funding of road improvement and road safety (and imposes a statutory trust accordingly). This will include the construction, maintenance and repair of roads and associated facilities, funding of road safety programs and grants to local councils for road works and road safety expenditure. The provision also makes it clear that the Authority has power to carry out the road improvement and road safety work concerned.

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Clause 6 requires certain matters to be taken into account in deciding how the increased revenue is to be spent, namely the need for the benefits that flow from expenditure to exceed the expenditure, the need for safe roads and road safety, the need for roads to promote industry (especially export industries) and tourism, and certain other matters.

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