

# Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

## Explanatory Notes

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## Amendments To Be Moved During Consideration In Detail By The Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP

### Title of the Bill

Heavy Vehicle National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016

### Objectives of the Amendments

The objective of the amendment is to allow a regulation to provide for financial assistance to certain operators within the taxi and limousine industry in addition to holders of a taxi service licence or a limousine service licence. This will give flexibility to allow for assistance payments to be provided to a broader range of industry participants who have been affected by the personalised transport reforms.

### Achievement of the Objectives

The objective of the amendment will be achieved by amending clause 141 of the Bill, new section 155A(1) of the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994*, to provide that a regulation may also provide for a scheme for the payment of financial assistance to certain persons who have been or are accredited operators of a taxi service; a service for the administration of taxi services; or a limousine service (other than a limousine service provided under a special purpose limousine service licence).

### Alternative Ways of Achieving Policy Objectives

The policy objective can only be achieved through legislative amendment.

## **Estimated Cost for Government Implementation**

The proposed amendments will not increase the cost of funding the Industry Adjustment Assistance Package.

## **Consistency with Fundamental Legislative Principles**

The amendments are consistent with Fundamental Legislative Principles.

## **Consultation**

The amendments are proposed in response to consultation with the taxi and limousine industry.

## **NOTES ON PROVISIONS**

*Amendment 1* amends clause 141 to allow a regulation to provide for a scheme for the payment of financial assistance to certain persons who have been or are accredited operators of a taxi service; a service for the administration of taxi services; or a limousine service (other than a limousine service provided under a special purpose limousine service licence). This is intended to give flexibility to provide assistance payments to certain accredited operators that may not hold a taxi service licence or a limousine service licence.