

FACT SHEET

Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Heavy Vehicle Charges) Bill 2008

- The purpose of the Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Heavy Vehicle Charges) Bill 2008 is to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999 to effect the implementation of heavy vehicle registration charges determined under the National Transport Commission's (NTC's) 2007 Heavy Vehicle Charges Determination (the 2007 Determination).
- The 2007 Determination sets uniform national heavy vehicle registration charges that are to apply to heavy vehicles from 1 July 2008 and the diesel excise charge that is to apply from 1 January 2009.
- The Bill principally contains the annual vehicle registration charges applicable to heavy vehicles, including trucks, prime movers, trailers, buses and special-purpose vehicles.
- The national registration charges for heavy vehicle classes are periodically recommended by the NTC to reflect the estimated costs of the various heavy vehicle classes to the road network. The charges are set at levels to sustain the revenue base needed for governments to invest in road maintenance and construction, including infrastructure upgrades needed for improved heavy vehicle access.