

CLAUSE NOTES

Vehicle and Traffic Amendment (Heavy Vehicle Charges) Bill 2016

- Clause 1** Short title and citation.
- Clause 2** The Act commences on 1 July 2016.
- Clause 3** In this Act, the *Vehicle and Traffic Act 1999* is referred to as the Principal Act.
- Clause 4** This clause amends Section 34A (Imposition of motor tax for heavy vehicles). It sets motor tax for 2016-17 in accordance with Schedule 2 and introduces a mechanism for future heavy vehicle charges from 2017-18 to be set in subordinate legislation.
- Clause 5** This clause substitutes Schedule 2 to introduce new heavy vehicle charges for 2016-17.

Schedule 2 PART 1

- 1 This clause provides definitions for the purpose of the Schedule.
- 2 This clause defines the term 'Special-Purpose Vehicle' for the purposes of the Schedule.
- 3 This clause defines the term 'Special-Purpose Vehicle (Type O)' for the purposes of the Schedule, including applicable axle load limits.
- 4 This clause defines close-spaced axles for the purposes of the Schedule.
- 5 This clause establishes the number of trailers a prime trailer or truck is nominated to haul when using dolly trailers.

6 This clause establishes that if a vehicle falls within 2 or more categories, the tax payable is the highest that could apply to the vehicle.

Schedule 2
PART 2

I This clause establishes the charges for heavy vehicle motor tax for 2016-17 to be the sum of the applicable road component (in accordance with Table 1) and the applicable regulatory component (in accordance with Table 2).

Table 1 Table 1 establishes the road component of motor tax for 2016-17 by heavy type:

- Division 1 – vehicle type
- Division 2 - trailer type
- Division 3 – Bus type
- Division 4 – Special-purpose vehicle type

Table 2 Table 2 establishes the regulatory component of motor tax for 2016-17 by heavy type:

- Division 1 – vehicle type
- Division 2 - trailer type
- Division 3 – Bus type
- Division 4 – Special-purpose vehicle type

Clause 6

This clause provides for the Act to be repealed after one year.