

FACT SHEET

Roads and Jetties Amendment (Works in Highways) Bill 2019

This legislation is designed to amend the *Roads and Jetties Act 1935* (the Act) to allow the Minister administering the Act to address the issue of incomplete or substandard work and informal access onto on State highways that has the potential to become a safety risk to all road users and to damage the road pavement.

The Bill will also enable the control of an access onto State highways ensuring the access is constructed in the safest location and to specified safety and construction standards.

Construction standards take into account the infrastructure required for the safe use of the access, such as drainage culverts and the sealing of the access from the edge of the existing road surface to the property boundary or for a minimum of 10 metres, whichever is the lesser. Sealing prevents loose gravel being dragged onto the highway which can create a safety problem for all road users.

A sealed access also provides better tyre traction for vehicles turning onto a State highway and eliminates edge break which can lead to a financial burden for the State Government because of the cost of repair to the damaged highway pavement.

The amendment will allow for the requirement for works to be completed by the responsible person or by a third party and to recover the cost of the works from the person responsible for the general works or the property owner in relation to an access.

The Minister will only arrange the completion of the works following a written notice to the responsible person requiring the works to be completed by a nominated date, being not less than 60 days, and only if the person responsible for general works or the property owner, in relation to an access, fails to satisfactorily complete the works.