

## CLAUSE NOTES

### TRAFFIC (ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022

- Clause 1**                      **Short title**
- This clause provides that, once passed, the Bill will be cited as the *Traffic (Electronic Billboards) Amendment Act 2022*.
- Clause 2**                      **Commencement**
- This clause provides that the Bill commences upon Royal Assent.
- Clause 3**                      **Principal Act**
- In this Bill, the *Traffic Act 1925* is referred to as the Principal Act.
- Clause 4**                      **Section 79 amended (Electronic billboard approvals)**
- This clause amends Section 79 to allow for an electronic billboard approval to be given for multiple billboards if they relate to the same event. This will simplify the preparation of the approval documentation where applicants apply to place multiple billboards on public streets.
- This clause also allows an electronic billboard approval to be given for whatever time period/s the Transport Commission determines, and for the approval to be renewed, transferred, amended or modified as the Commission sees fit.
- This will provide the Commission with greater flexibility when stipulating the conditions of approval and ensure that, where the date of the relevant event changes, all that is required is a simple amendment to the original approval, rather than complete replacement of multiple approval documents.
- Clause 5**                      **Section 81 amended (Seizure and removal of unsafe or unauthorised electronic billboards, &c.)**
- This clause amends Section 81 to allow an 'officer' (defined as a Police officer or a person authorised by the Transport Commission under Section 9(2) of the Act) to authorise another person to seize and remove an electronic billboard on their behalf.
- This will make it clear that an officer can enlist the help of others (such as contractors) where it is not practicable for the officer to undertake the act themselves or for them to be physically present

during the act.

**Clause 6**

**Section 82 amended (Return or disposal of seized electronic billboards)**

This clause amends Section 82(5) to ensure that liability protections extend to persons authorised by an officer to seize and remove an electronic billboard.

**Clause 7**

**Repeal of Act**

This clause repeals the Act on the first anniversary of the day on which this Act commenced.