

## FACT SHEET

### *Traffic and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2018*

Road humps are 'vertical displacement devices' which are designed to moderate vehicle operating speeds by subjecting vehicle occupants to discomfort if they try to travel over them too quickly.

The *Traffic and Related Legislation Bill 2018* will repeal the current legislation which restricts the use of road humps to car parks and residential streets.

This will bring Tasmania into line with other Australian jurisdictions where road hump type devices are being used to improve safety and amenity in a variety of other types of locations, particularly those with high pedestrian activity, such as retail and tourist precincts.

Tasmania's current legislation also imposes a series of requirements that are unique to road humps and do not apply to other types of traffic control device. These requirements include having to formally advertise road hump proposals in the newspaper and specifying the process by which any representations are to be dealt with.

Although the Transport Commission will still have the power to issue directions to Councils about the use of road humps, the way in which they will be dealt with in future will be similar to other traffic control devices, such as roundabouts and traffic signals.

The changes to the law will allow Glenorchy City Council to proceed with an urban renewal project to make improvements along Main Road through the Glenorchy shopping centre. The scheme includes raised platform treatments which are not compatible with the current legislation. The cost of the works has been estimated at some \$5 million and they are scheduled to commence in early 2019.

The new legislative arrangements will remove restrictions that have been inhibiting the ability of Councils to manage safety and amenity on their road networks. The changes underline the Government's commitment to red tape reduction.