

SECOND READING SPEECH

(The Hon Nick McKim MP)

**PASSENGER TRANSPORT POSTPONEMENT OF
REGULATIONS BILL 2011**

**Mr McKim (Minister for Sustainable Transport) – I
move:**

That this Bill be now read a second time.

MR SPEAKER / MADAM PRESIDENT

Today I present to the House the *Repeal of Regulations Postponement Bill (No 2) 2012*.

This Bill is necessary to postpone the repeal of the *Passenger Transport Regulations 2000*, and the *Passenger Transport (Review of Decisions) Regulations 2000*, by a period of 12 months.

The postponement will allow the full implementation of the major reforms to Passenger Transport regulation which resulted from the passage of the following legislation late last year:

- *Passenger Transport Services Act 2011*;
- *Taxi and Luxury Hire Cars Industries Amendment Act 2011*; and
- *Passenger Transport and Related Legislation (Consequential Amendments) Act 2011*,

The repeal of the *Passenger Transport Regulations 2000* was first postponed in 2008 for a period of 12

months, and subsequently in 2009, for a further period of two years. In each instance, the postponement has proved insufficient to complete the task of a comprehensive review of legislation covering the State's public transport sector, and implementing the changes arising from that review.

During the Second Reading Speech for the *Passenger Transport Services Bill 2011*, I stated that:

“The Passenger Transport Act Review and the Safe Community Transport Review have been criticised for some delays. However, compromise on our commitment to hearing and understanding the views of our stakeholders and their issues was not an acceptable alternative.”

This commitment to consultation met with general approval within this House, and this further

postponement is the inevitable result of the extended time period taken to develop the new legislation.

We have set ourselves a realistic, but challenging, timeframe in which to complete the implementation process. This is a job that we want done properly, not hurriedly.

The postponement of the repeal of these two regulations will provide time to complete such public consultation as is necessary to ensure the Regulations are consistent with both the new legislative framework and community expectations.

The Regulations themselves form only one part of the body of work needed to be completed before the reforms to the accreditation system, in particular, can be implemented.

The business system changes necessary to support the legislative reforms will be significant. It is

important that passenger transport operators are given adequate time to understand how they will be affected, and how their businesses will need to adapt. This is particularly the case for those operators whose statutory obligations will change.

No business will be disadvantaged by this postponement of repeal, and the existing exemptions for the community transport sector from the requirements of accreditation and ancillary certificates will also be extended through the relevant processes, in parallel with this Bill.

I commend this Bill to the House.