

DRAFT SECOND READING SPEECH
HON MICHAEL FERGUSON, MP
TRAFFIC (ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS) AMENDMENT BILL 2022

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Mister Speaker, I move that the Bill now be read a second time.

Mister Speaker, I present to the house today the Traffic (Electronic Billboards) Amendment Bill 2022.

This Bill amends the *Traffic Act 1925* to enable the Transport Commission, and those supporting the Commission, to regulate electronic billboards on public streets more effectively and efficiently.

Approval to place an electronic billboard on a public street is granted by the Transport Commission. The Department of State Growth provides administrative support to the Commission and authority to approve an electronic billboard is delegated to officers within the Department.

This Bill amends the Act to simplify the provisions regarding electronic billboard approvals, improving the efficiency of the process and giving the Commission greater flexibility when issuing approvals.

The Bill will also update the Act in relation to seizure and removal of unsafe or unauthorised billboards to ensure that the Act reflects the realities of modern road management where field-based contractors respond to issues on the road network at the direction of officers within the road authority.

In summary, this Bill will provide the Commission with the flexibility it needs to efficiently administer approvals and will ensure the Act continues to reflect the practical realities of how electronic billboards are enforced on our roads.

Mister Speaker, I commend this Bill to the House.