

## Legislation Fact Sheet

### Motor Accidents (Liabilities and Compensation) Amendment Bill 2013

- The Motor Accidents (Liabilities and Compensation) Amendment Bill 2013 makes some changes to the motor accident insurance scheme in Tasmania relating to lifetime care and support for those seriously injured in motor vehicle accidents by eliminating a gap in coverage in Tasmania and by preventing potential duplication in coverage in mainland states and territories in cases of accidents involving Tasmanian-registered vehicles.
- The Bill amends the *Motor Accidents (Liabilities and Compensation) Act 1973* to:
  - extend the Motor Accidents Insurance Board scheme to cover those persons very seriously injured in accidents in Tasmania involving interstate motor vehicles only;
  - ensure that the current exclusions in the Act that prevent access to the MAIB benefits under certain circumstances apply under the extended scheme;
  - ensure that the MAIB has the same rights of recovery from at-fault drivers and owners of interstate motor vehicles as it has under the Act where an accident involves a vehicle normally used in Tasmania;
  - ensure claimants injured in Tasmania in an accident involving an interstate motor vehicle only are subject to the same restrictions on access to common law damages as current claimants; and
  - in cases where a Tasmanian resident is injured in an accident involving a Tasmanian-registered vehicle in a mainland jurisdiction that has a motor accident scheme that provides lifetime care and support, require the MAIB to provide benefits only to the extent that the local scheme does not provide the same benefits that would be paid if the accident occurred in Tasmania.