

# Road Transport (Dangerous Goods) Bill

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

*Clause 1* states that the purpose of the Act is to regulate the transport of dangerous goods by road in Victoria in order to promote public safety and protect property and the environment.

*Clause 2* provides for the commencement of the Act.

*Clause 3* contains definitions used in the Act.

*Clause 4* provides that the Act binds the Crown.

*Clause 5* applies parts of the Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Act 1995 of the Commonwealth (“the Commonwealth law”) as Victorian law.

*Clause 6* applies regulations made under the Commonwealth law for the purpose of the Victorian law established by section 5.

*Clause 7* gives the Administrative Appeals Tribunal jurisdiction to review decisions made under the applied provisions.

*Clause 8* relates to the interpretation of the Act.

*Clause 9* excludes from the scope of the Act dangerous goods that are in a container that forms part of the fuel or propulsion system of a vehicle. The clause also provides that the Act has effect despite any other law, except an inconsistent Victorian law that relates to the storage and handling of dangerous goods and does not relate to the transport of dangerous goods by road. In that case that other law prevails.

*Clause 10* has the effect of limiting the life of the Act to the life of the National Road Transport Commission, or in other words to the life of the uniform national scheme.

