

## **Transport (Car Pooling) Bill**

### **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

*Clause 1* declares that the purpose of the Bill is to amend the **Transport Act 1983** to facilitate car pooling.

*Clause 2* provides for the Act to come into operation on a day or days to be proclaimed.

*Clause 3* amends section 87 of the **Transport Act 1983** which declares that certain kinds of carpools and charitable arrangements do not infringe the commercial passenger licensing requirements of the Act and are not to be regarded as operating for hire or reward for insurance purposes.

Paragraphs *(b)* and *(c)* of this clause broaden the kinds of car pooling arrangements permitted under section 87 as follows:

references to an “offer” to carry passengers are omitted so as to focus on the actual carriage of passengers.

the maximum number of passengers is increased from 5 to 11.

the requirement that the arrangement be “informal” is omitted.

Paragraphs *(a)*, *(d)* and *(e)* make corresponding amendments to the remainder of the section so as to maintain a consistent approach in the case of charitable arrangements.

*Clause 4* defines “vehicle pool matching service” as a service undertaken for reward which introduces people to each other for the purpose of entering into a vehicle pooling agreement. An offence is committed if a service of that kind is operated without the consent of the Roads Corporation.

