



New South Wales

# Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Amendment (Special Number-Plates) Bill 2009

## Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

## Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1997* to provide for the Roads and Traffic Authority (**RTA**) to enter into commercial arrangements to create a concession for the marketing of special number-plates issued by the Authority. The Bill provides for the RTA to determine the design, format or content that is to constitute a special number-plate.

The Bill also makes various minor amendments to the Act to clarify the powers of the RTA, and the power to make regulations under the Act, in connection with special number-plates.

## Outline of provisions

**Clause 1** sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

**Clause 2** provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

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## **Schedule 1      Amendment of Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1997 No 119**

**Schedule 1 [3]** inserts proposed section 8A which authorises the RTA to enter into commercial arrangements for the provision of marketing and other services to the RTA in connection with special number-plates. The section requires the commercial arrangements to include provisions to ensure that a party to the arrangements is subject to the same restrictions as apply to the RTA under the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

The section also establishes a broad regulation-making power for regulations to make provision for or with respect to the issue of special number-plates by the RTA, including provision for the issue of special number-plates independently of vehicle registration (as a commercial operation of the RTA) and the fixing and determination of fees and charges in connection with the issue of special number-plates.

**Schedule 1 [1] and [2]** make consequential changes to provisions for the fixing of fees by the RTA, to facilitate the fixing of charges in connection with the issue of special number-plates.

**Schedule 1 [4]** makes a consequential change to a provision dealing with the ownership of number-plates issued in connection with vehicle registration so that the provision extends to special number-plates that are not issued in connection with vehicle registration.

**Schedule 1 [5]** omits a provision that will be covered by proposed section 8A.