



# Point to Point Reforms

## Amendments to the *Passenger Transport Act 1994* and *Motor Vehicles Act 1959*

In July 2016, the State Government introduced widespread reforms to the taxi and chauffeur vehicle industry informed by a comprehensive, independent review, which included extensive consultation with the public and industry.

The reforms opened up the taxi and chauffeur vehicle industry to new competition, the Government has ensured strict accreditation and vehicle standards for all drivers and operators are maintained. This is supported by a raft of new penalties being proposed to the *Passenger Transport Act 1994* to ensure that there are appropriate deterrents for anyone breaking the law and providing unlicensed and unaccredited passenger transport services.

The proposed amendments include increased penalties, demerit points, licence suspensions or disqualifications for unaccredited drivers, and drivers who use unaccredited booking services or drive unaccredited vehicles.

The proposal also provides for increased penalties for unaccredited booking services and the courts will be given powers to recover commercial profits obtained through the commission of an offence.

The intent of the proposed amendments is to encourage all levels of the point to point passenger transport industry to comply with accreditation standards, ensure there is a level playing field and to enable effective and efficient collection of the \$1 levy.

### Summary of changes

- An increase in all relevant penalty provisions;
- Introduction of an escalating system for demerit points and licence disqualifications;
- Introduction of a new penalty in relation to driving a passenger transport vehicle without a current inspection certificate;
- Simplifying evidentiary requirements to prove an offence;
- Introduction of voluntary enforceable undertakings
- Introduction of a Transport Booking Service;
- Introduction of extraterritorial operation to ensure that the Passenger Transport Act 1994 applies to all operators regardless of where they are based;
- Clarification of requirements in relation to the collection of the \$1 levy.

DPTI would welcome any comments you have on these by **21 September 2017**.

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