



New South Wales

Roads Amendment (Wildlife Impacts) Bill 2025

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 *Roads Act 1993* (*the Act*) to provide that it is an object of the Act that the impact of motor vehicle strikes on wildlife be recognised and taken into consideration when making decisions about roads; and for related purposes.

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.

Schedule 1 Amendment of Roads Act 1993 No 33

Schedule 1[1] inserts proposed section 3(i) into the Act to give effect to the object set out above.

Schedule 1[2] inserts proposed section 261AA into the Act to require Transport for NSW (*TfNSW*), when exercising a function under the Act about a road, to consider the impact of motor vehicle strikes on wildlife. Without limiting that obligation, TfNSW must, when making a decision about a road, consider actions that may be taken to mitigate the impact of motor vehicle strikes on wildlife on the road, including by use of—

- (a) speed limit reductions, and
- (b) works, including fauna underpasses, fauna overpasses, fencing and virtual fencing.

The proposed section also requires TfNSW to include in its annual report the actions that have been taken to mitigate the impact of motor vehicle strikes on wildlife on roads during the financial year.