

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

RAILWAY (NARNGULU TO GERALDTON) BILL 2001

The purpose of this Bill is to authorise the construction of a railway from the railway yard at Narngulu to the Port of Geraldton.

The construction of the new railway is integral to the redesign of heavy haulage corridors for road and rail transport in and around the City of Geraldton. The centrepiece of the redesign is the development of an east-west road and rail corridor to provide more efficient access to the Port of Geraldton, to reduce heavy vehicle traffic in built-up areas and to allow removal of the existing railway from the foreshore.

Following are the contents of the Bill described clause by clause:

Section 1: The Short Title of the Bill.

Section 2: This section provides that the proposed Act will come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Section 3: This section contains the provisions which give the authority necessary under Section 96(1) of the Public Works Act for the proposed Narngulu - Geraldton section of railway.

The authority extends to construction and maintenance of the proposed railway with all the proper and usual works and facilities along the line which is specified in the schedule to the Bill.

Under Section 96(1) of the Public Works Act the railway may deviate to a distance of 1.6 kilometres from the line of the railway as described in the authorising Act.

Schedule 1: This Schedule sets out the line of the proposed Narngulu - Geraldton railway.