

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Railway (METRONET) Amendment Bill 2019

The purpose of this Bill is to authorise, as part of the METRONET program of projects to integrate transport and land use planning, the construction of a railway from Bayswater Station to Ellenbrook (known as the Morley–Ellenbrook Line) and for related purposes, by amending the *Railway (METRONET) Act 2018*.

Once passed, the bill will be a special Act as envisaged by section 96 of the *Public Works Act 1902*.

The Morley–Ellenbrook Line (MEL) railway will commence along the Midland railway Line, prior to Bayswater Station and proceed in a north easterly direction from Bayswater Station in the median of the Tonkin Highway to Malaga, where the alignment will continue east along an alignment parallel to Marshall Road, before heading north following an alignment parallel to new Lord Street to terminate within the Ellenbrook town centre.

Following are the contents of the Bill, described section by section.

Part 1 - Preliminary

Section 1: Short Title

The short title is *Railway (METRONET) Amendment Act 2019*.

Section 2: Commencement

The Act will come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Section 3: Act amended

The Act amends the *Railway (METRONET) Act 2018*.

Section 4: Long Title amended

The long title is amended so the Act authorises, as part of the METRONET plan, the construction of a railway from Bayswater to Ellenbrook (known as the Morley–Ellenbrook Line).

Part 2: Authority to construct METRONET railways

Section 5: Section 4A inserted

At the end of Part 2 insert:

4A Authority to construct Morley–Ellenbrook Line

Section 96 of the *Public Works Act 1902* requires every railway to be made under the authority of a special Act which shall state as nearly as may be the alignment of the railway and the two termini of that railway.

Section 4A authorises the construction of the proposed MEL 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 Section 5 of the Bill.

Section 6: Schedule 1 amended

In Schedule 1 after “Map Grid of Australia” insert: 1994.

Section 7: Schedule 2 amended

In Schedule 2 after “Map Grid of Australia” (each occurrence) insert: 1994.

Section 8: Schedule 3 inserted

After Schedule 2 insert:

Schedule 3 – Line of Morley-Ellenbrook Line

Schedule 3 sets out the line of the proposed MEL railway.