

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

RAILWAY (NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN URBAN EXTENSIONS) BILL 1999

The purpose of this Bill is to authorise:

- (a) The construction of a railway from Currambine to Butler.

This new section of railway will be an extension of the urban passenger railway.

- (b) The construction of a railway from Jandakot to Rockingham and from Rockingham to Mandurah.

This new railway will be an extension of the urban passenger railway network and will provide for a new urban passenger railway service to operate from Perth to Mandurah via Kenwick, Jandakot, Kwinana and Rockingham.

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 Currambine – Butler 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. However, this section provides for the railway to deviate to a distance of 2 kilometres. The additional distance in this section is merely the result of rounding off of numbers.

Section 4: This section contains the provisions which give the authority necessary under Section 96(1) of the Public Works Act for the proposed Jandakot – Rockingham - Mandurah 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) 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.

Howeair, this section provides for the railway to deviate to a distance of 4 kilometres to accommodate the outcome of considerations into a number of options as to how Rockingham will be connected to the railway. The options are:

- ❖ A direct route to Mandurah along the eastern outskirts of Rockingham, supplemented by dedicated transit link buses operating between rail transit stations and the Rockingham City Centre;
- ❖ A route through the City with only the section through the central core below ground in tunnel;
- ❖ A comparable route to the foregoing but with a longer tunnel.

Schedule 1: This schedule sets out the line of the proposed Currambine – Butler section of railway.

Schedule 2: This schedule sets out the line of the proposed Jandakot – Rockingham – Mandurah Railway.