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### Outline

The objective of the Bill is to amend the *Traffic Act 1937* (the Act), which provides the laws for non-motorised traffic, to insert provisions to allow "marked footcrossings". Marked footcrossings are essentially pedestrian crossings controlled by traffic lights, and are generally located mid-block. Pedestrian crossings are defined in the *Motor Traffic Act 1936* and have no need for traffic lights to control them.

### Financial Implications

Costs will be absorbed within the existing recurrent program covering the operation of traffic lights.

### Citation

Clause 1 cites this Act as the Traffic (Amendment) Act (No. 1) 1998.

Clause 2 provides the commencement provisions.

Subclause 2 (1) provides that sections (1), (2) and (3) commence on the day the Act is notified in the Gazette.

Subclause (2) (2) provides that Section (4) commences on a day fixed by the Minister by notice in the Gazette.

Subclause (2) (3) is a formal provision.

Clause (3) provides that in this Act, the "Principal Act" is the *Traffic Act 1937*.

Clause 4 refers to section 26 of the "Principal Act" (Pedestrian traffic). This section covers pedestrian traffic lights, and how pedestrians should obey them.

Subclause 4 (a) substitutes a new paragraph (b) referring to a stop line, not a road marking. This differentiates stop lines from the road markings forming the boundaries of marked footcrossings.

Subclause 4 (b) inserts in subsection (1) a definition of a marked foot crossing.

Subclause 4 (c) substitutes "marked footcrossing" for the reference in subsection (2) to the carriageway of a public street.

Subclause 4 (d) substitutes a reference to "marked footcrossing" for the reference in paragraph (3) (a) to the details of road markings and their location.