Date Introduced: 28 March 1984
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. Peter Morris, MHR, Minister for Transport

Short Digest of Bill

Purpose

To amend the Roads Grants Act 1981 in order to exempt the States from calling tenders for certain works associated with national road construction projects.

Background


Main Provisions

By clause 2, the Act will come into operation on the day it receives Royal Assent. However, the amendments in relation to the calling of tenders as proposed by clause 3 are to take effect from 12 February 1984.

Clause 3 amends section 24 of the Roads Grants Act 1981 to allow the Minister to exempt a State from calling tenders for certain works associated with national road construction projects. Tenders will not be called where a State satisfies the Minister that:

- in an emergency, the works must be performed urgently,
- the works are of such a minor nature that calling tenders would involve undue additional cost,
- it is not practicable to prepare adequate tender specifications,
- the works are of a kind that competitive tenders would not likely be received,
the works are of a kind usually carried out by a State or Federal government department, authority or corporation not primarily responsible for the construction of roads,

the performance of work under contract would cause unavoidable retrenchment or inefficiency in the deployment of a substantial number of State or Local Government road construction employees.

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