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## Road Management Act 2004

### DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 111(1AA) AND VARIATION OF SECTION 110 THRESHOLD AMOUNT FOR 2024–25

I, Melissa Horne, Minister for Roads and Road Safety and Minister administering the **Road Management Act 2004**, publish this notice in accordance with section 111(1AA) and (5) of that Act.

#### Background

Section 110 of the **Road Management Act 2004** ('the Act') provides that a road authority is not liable for property damages (as defined in that section) where the value of the damage is equal to or less than the 'threshold amount'. It further provides that the amount which may be recovered against a road authority in a claim for property damages which exceeds the threshold amount is to be reduced by the threshold amount.

'Threshold amount' is defined by section 110(1) as the amount of \$1,000 as varied under section 111. Section 111(1) of the Act provides a formula for the variation of the original \$1,000 threshold amount in respect of the 2005–06 financial year and each subsequent financial year:

$$A \times \frac{B}{C}$$

where –

'A' is the amount of \$1,000 as varied under section 111.

'B' is the all groups consumer price index for Melbourne in original terms for the most recent reference period in the preceding calendar year most recently published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

'C' is the all groups consumer price index in original terms for Melbourne for the corresponding reference period one year earlier than the reference period referred to in B most recently published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Subsection (1AA) of section 111 of the Act provides that this variation of the threshold amount only occurs with respect to a financial year if a determination is made under that subsection specifying that section 111 of the Act is to apply for the purposes of that financial year.

#### Determination under section 111(1AA) with respect to 2024–25

In accordance with section 111(1AA) of the **Road Management Act 2004**, I determine that section 111 of that Act applies for the purposes of the financial year beginning on 1 July 2024.

#### Calculation of varied threshold amount for 2024–25

For the purposes of the calculation of the threshold amount in respect of the 2024–25 financial year, the values of A, B and C are as follows:

- A = \$1,580      being the amount referred to in section 110 as varied under section 111 – see definition of 'threshold amount' in section 110(1);
- B = 136.1      being the all groups consumer price index for Melbourne in original terms most recently published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in respect of the December quarter of the 2023–24 financial year which is the most recent reference period in the 2023 calendar year;

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C = 131.1 being the all groups consumer price index for Melbourne in original terms most recently published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in respect of the December quarter of the 2022–23 financial year which is the most recent reference period in the 2022 calendar year.

The calculation of the threshold amount in respect of the 2024–25 financial year is therefore as follows:

$$\$1,580 \times \frac{136.1}{131.1} = \$1,640.26$$

This figure is rounded to \$1,640 in accordance with section 111(2)(b) of the Act.

**Specification of varied threshold amount for 2024–25**

In accordance with section 111(5) of the **Road Management Act 2004**, I specify \$1,640 to be the threshold amount for the purposes of section 110 (as varied in accordance with section 111) of that Act, in respect of the financial year beginning on 1 July 2023.

**Note:** The threshold amount specified in this notice applies to property damages claims (as defined in section 110) which arise out of incidents that occur during the 2024–25 financial year. Claims which arise out of incidents in earlier years are subject to the threshold amount which applied in that year.

Dated 13 June 2024

HON. MELISSA HORNE MP  
Minister for Roads and Road Safety

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