

NATIONAL ROADS AMENDMENT BILL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Clause 2 provides that, for the purposes of construction, maintenance, subsidy, or control under the National Roads Act 1953, the National Roads Board may determine what part of any road or street is carriageway, footway, water table, drain, dividing strip, traffic island, safety zone, plantation, verge, shoulder, parking place, kerb, channel, or other work.

Clause 3: Section 22 (3) of the principal Act provides that in each financial year there is to be paid into the National Roads Fund out of the Consolidated Fund a sum of £1,000,000. The effect of this clause is that the amount to be paid into the Fund each year is to be not less than £1,000,000.

Clause 4 alters the subsidies payable out of the National Roads Fund in the case of boroughs and independent town districts. At present the annual subsidy in the case of boroughs having a population of 6,000 or more is at the rate of 22s. per head of population, and in the case of boroughs having a population of less than 6,000 and of independent town districts is at the rate of 15s. per head of population. This clause abolishes this distinction, and provides that, commencing with the current financial year, the annual subsidy in the case of all boroughs and independent town districts is to be at rate of 22s. per head of population.

Hon. Mr Watt

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ANALYSIS

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A BILL INTITULED

An Act to amend the National Roads Act 1953

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,
5 as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the National Roads Amendment Act 1958, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the National Roads Act 1953 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

10 **2. Interpretation**—Section two of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding the following subsections:

15 “(4) For the purposes of construction, maintenance, subsidy, or control under this Act, the Board may from time to time determine, either generally or in relation to any specified road or to any portion or side of any specified road, what part of a road is carriageway, footway, water table, drain, dividing strip, traffic island, safety zone, plantation,

verge, shoulder, parking space, kerb, channel, or other work, and every such determination of the Board shall be final:

“Provided that any such determination may be at any time amended or revoked by the Board.

“(5) A determination by the Board for the purposes of subsection four of this section in relation to any road or portion thereof may be made by express resolution of the Board or by way of approval of a plan that delineates the several parts of the road or portion thereof.” 5

3. Payment from Consolidated Fund to National Roads Fund—(1) Section twenty-two of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing subsection three (as amended by section three of the National Roads Amendment Act 1955), and substituting the following subsection: 10

“(3) There shall in each financial year be paid into the Fund out of the Consolidated Fund from money appropriated for the purpose by Parliament such amount as the Minister of Finance directs, being not less than one million pounds.” 15

(2) Section three of the National Roads Amendment Act 1955 is hereby repealed. 20

4. Subsidies to boroughs and independent town districts—

(1) Section twenty-three of the principal Act is hereby amended by repealing paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection one, and substituting the following paragraph: 25

“(a) In the case of any borough or town district that is not part of a county, the subsidy for the financial year commencing on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, and for each succeeding financial year, shall be at the rate of twenty-two shillings for each person of the population:” 30

(2) Section twenty-three of the principal Act is hereby further amended by omitting from subsection three and also from subsection six the words “or paragraph (b)”.