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Section 11`Agreement with Local Government

The bill states that "The Commissioner may enter into agreement...".

In view of the attitude currently expressed by LGA, consideration should be given to changing "may" to "must", thus preventing LG's from refusing to enter into an agreement,

Or alternatively require the Local Government to enter into an agreement when requested by the Commissioner.

Section 48 Exemption from toll

(1) (b) requires the warning device/light to be activated.

In contrast S44(2) only permits the use of warning device/light to perform an SES function.

As an SES vehicle is not recognised as an emergency vehicle under current road rules. The warning devise/lights are not authorised for road travel.

Section 48 (1)(b) should only require the warning device/lights be fitted.