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Quiet Carriage Enforcement Bill 2022

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**A Bill for an Act to establish punishments for speaking
on a V/Line quiet carriage, and for related purposes**

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The Parliament of Australia enacts:

Part 1—Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act is the *Quiet Carriage Enforcement Act 2022*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provision(s)	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this Act	The day this Act receives the Presidential Assent	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally enacted. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this Act.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this Act. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this Act.

3 Definitions

In this Act:

child refers to a person under the age of fourteen (14) years.

continuously refers to a period of time longer than ten (10) seconds.

quiet carriage refers to a carriage on a V/Line train explicitly designated as a “quiet carriage” where quiet is intended.

voluntarily refers to an action that is willfully decided by a person, and excludes actions that the person has no control over, such as a phone ringing or a device being hacked to emit noise.

4 Commonwealth to be bound

- (1) This Act binds the Commonwealth in all its capabilities.
- (2) The Act does not make the Commonwealth liable to be prosecuted for an offence

Part 2—Application

5 Offences

- (1) It is an offence to speak continuously on a quiet carriage, unless you are a V/Line employee or speaking to one, if you are speaking loudly enough that another nearby passenger could reasonably hear.

Penalty: 100 penalty units and 1 year imprisonment.

- (2) It is an offence for the parent or a guardian of a child who is accompanying said child on a quiet carriage to be aware of said child speaking continuously on a quiet carriage, unless they are speaking to a V/Line employee, and of said child speaking loudly enough that another nearby passenger could reasonably hear, and not be making an active attempt to move the child to an alternative carriage.

Penalty: 100 penalty units and 1 year imprisonment.

- (3) It is an offence to be voluntarily emitting noise from an electronic device continually on a quiet carriage loudly enough that a nearby passenger could reasonably hear, unless the individual has no control over said noise and is actively moving to another carriage, or the noise is a passenger announcement authorised by V/Line.

Penalty: 100 penalty units and 1 year imprisonment.