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**AN BILLE UM ÚDARÁS IOMPAIR NÁISIÚNTA 2003**  
**NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY BILL 2003**

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ACTS REFERRED TO

Roads Act 1993

1993, No. 14

Transport Railway Infrastructure Act 2001

2001, No. 55



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# **BILL**

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5 AN ACT TO BROADEN THE FOCUS OF TRANSPORTATION  
PLANNING AND PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE  
BY AMALGAMATING THE NATIONAL ROADS AUTH-  
ORITY AND THE NATIONAL RAIL PROCUREMENT  
AGENCY.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

1.—In this Act the Roads Act 1993, Part III, sections 16-42 are  
repealed. Amendment of  
Roads Act 1993.

2.—In this Act the Transport Railway Infrastructure Act 2001,  
Part 2, sections 8-35 are repealed. Amendment of  
Transport Railway  
Infrastructure Act  
2001.

15 3.—(1) There shall be a body to be known as an tÚdarás Iompar  
Náisiúnta, or in the English language, the National Transport Auth-  
ority, to perform the functions assigned to it under this Act. Establishment of  
National Transport  
Authority.

(2) The Authority shall stand established on such day as the Mini-  
ster shall by order appoint.

20 4.—(1) The Authority shall have the following functions: Functions of  
Authority.

(a) to co-ordinate transport planning and economic analysis of  
proposed National Roads and Public Transport projects  
with the purpose of providing the Minister with an advis-  
ory priority listing and works schedule for major trans-  
port infrastructural projects;

(b) to liaise with the National Development Finance Agency  
and the Department of Finance on the funding mechan-  
isms for new transport infrastructural projects;

(c) to assist in the development of local area framework plans  
to be introduced in conjunction with Local authorities in  
advance of the construction of major new road or public  
transport infrastructural projects. To provide as  
requested opinions to An Bord Pleanála and the relevant  
local authorities on major planning applications in land  
adjacent to new transport projects.

(2) The Minister may, with the consent of the Minister for Finance, by order confer on the Authority such additional functions in relation to the development of new Public Transport or Roads projects, from time to time, as he or she considers appropriate.

(3) The Authority shall carry out analysis for the Minister on the potential for commercial opportunities that may arise from the development of new transport infrastructure. The Authority shall advise the Minister on the potential for development and land levies in areas close to new transport projects and on the means by which such revenues could be collected and accrued.

(4) The authority shall carry out regular cost estimate and work programme reviews on the major transport projects being carried out by the state and provide the Minister, and the Department of Finance with monthly management accounts and an annual accrual account detailing the progress of each infrastructural project.

(5) The Authority may only act as the operator of a railway where authorised by the Minister by order.

(6) The Minister may, by order, amend or revoke an order under this section (including an order under this subsection).

Membership of Authority.

**5.—(1)** The Authority shall consist of 10 members who shall direct and carry out the functions of the Authority in accordance with this Act and shall satisfy themselves as to the adequacy of the systems in place for that purpose and shall otherwise manage and review the workings of the Authority.

(2) Notwithstanding *subsection (1)*, until the first appointment to the Authority of a person consequent on an election having been held to which *subsection (3)* relates, the Authority shall consist of 9 members.

(3) One of the ordinary members of the Authority shall be a member of the staff of the Authority who shall be elected by secret ballot of the staff of the Authority in such manner as the Authority, with the agreement of the Minister, may determine.

(4) The Authority shall include the chief executive as a member of the Authority.

(5) The members of the Authority (other than the chief executive) shall, as soon as may be after the establishment day, be nominated by the Minister, and approved by a vote of Dáil Éireann.

(6) Each member of the Authority shall be a person who in the opinion of the Minister has wide experience and competence in relation to one or more of the following areas—

(a) railways,

(b) transportation planning,

(c) urban development,

(d) environmental sustainability,

(e) industry,

(f) trade union representation,

(g) law,

(h) commerce,

(i) finance,

5 (j) economics,

(k) engineering.

(7) The Minister shall designate one member of the Authority as chairperson.

10 (8) Each member of the Authority shall hold office on such terms as the Minister determines at the time of his or her appointment.

(9) The Minister, when appointing an ordinary member of the Agency under *subsection (5)*, shall fix such member's period of membership which shall not exceed 5 years.

15 **6.**—In addition to these functions, it will be the responsibility of the National Transport Authority to devise plans, source funding and implement proposals with regard to all transport infrastructure projects to be conducted within the State. Additional functions of Authority.

**7.**—This Act may be cited as the National Transport Authority Act 2003. Short title.