

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

(Rough Draft for Consideration Only.)

No. 1901.

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## A BILL

To prevent the carriage by railway of matter of an indecent or obscene character.

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**B**E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Indecent Publications Short title.  
(Railway Carriage) Act, 1901."

2. The responsible Minister of the Crown administering the Government Railways Act of 1888 may direct that no packet or parcel and no letter or newspaper or other written or printed matter which contains, or which the Railway Commissioners of New South Wales reasonably suspect to contain, any indecent or obscene publication, writing, print, drawing or painting, or other article or matter of an indecent or obscene character, whether sent by post or otherwise, shall be carried on any train run upon the Government railways of New South Wales; and the said Commissioners shall carry out the above directions subject to any law passed or to be passed by the Commonwealth, and lawfully in force, or any requirement lawfully made under any such law.

The Minister may direct that indecent or obscene matter shall not be carried by the railways.