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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

ROAD TRANSPORT (GENERAL) ACT 1999

**DECLARATION THAT A PROVISIONS OF THE ROAD
TRANSPORT LEGISLATION DOES NOT APPLY TO
CERTAIN PERSONS AND VEHICLES**

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*, under subsection 13(1) empowers the Minister to declare that a provision of the road transport legislation does not apply to a person or vehicle in a place or circumstance. The notice, by virtue of subsection 12(3), is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 10 of the *Subordinate Laws Act 1989*.

The 15th Summernats Car Festival is to be held at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC) from 3rd January 2002 to 6th January 2002. This event attracts highly modified vehicles.

Some vehicle are unable to be registered because they are unable to meet Australian Vehicle Standards or Australian Design Rules, for example, motorised bathtubs, drag cars, etc. Other competing vehicles, although registered, have been modified to the point where they no longer comply with the Australian Vehicle Standards or Australian Design Rules. It is an offence to operate these non-complying vehicles on a road or road related area.

To enable drivers or registered operators of these vehicles to lawfully participate in the Summernats' activities within EPIC, this declaration seeks to remove offence provisions for driving an unregistered vehicle (subsection 18(1), *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1999*) or a non-complying modified registered vehicle (regulations 108, 109, 110 and 111, *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulations 2000*).

All participating vehicles are subject to a vehicle safety inspection by Summernats' officials prior to entry into EPIC.

Although the Summernats event officially ends at 6pm on 6th January 2002, the declaration extends the period when the unregistered and/or modified vehicles may be used within EPIC to 10am on 7th January 2002 to allow campers to recover from the activities prior to travelling interstate.