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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN  
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**ROAD TRANSPORT (GENERAL) ACT 1999**

**ROAD TRANSPORT (BUS SERVICES) REGULATIONS 2000**

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**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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**ROAD TRANSPORT (BUS SERVICES) REGULATION 2000  
UNDER THE ROAD TRANSPORT (GENERAL) ACT 1999**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

The *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* replaces in whole the powers found in the *Motor Traffic Act 1936*, as they relate to public passenger transport services.

The *Motor Traffic Act 1936* will be repealed on 1 March 2000 upon introduction of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*. The regulations under the *Motor Traffic Act 1936* will also be repealed and replaced by a package of public passenger regulations – taxi services, omnibus services and hire car services. This Explanatory Statement deals with the *Road Transport (Bus Service) Regulations 2000*.

The *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* was introduced in conjunction with national road transport reforms. As part of this process a review of the existing legislation was required. The opportunity has been taken to introduce modern regulations developed in conjunction with industry to better support the provision of healthy, safe and high-quality public transport services.

The regulations bring the ACT more into line with those regulations applying in NSW. In addition to clarifying existing regulations and simplifying the language used, the new regulations incorporate:

- acknowledgment of changed ticketing technologies and the issue of ticket tampering;
- provisions relating to the licensing of drivers and operators;
- provisions relating to the physical presentation and condition of vehicles; and
- provisions relating to the conduct of both drivers and passengers to strengthen occupational health and safety arrangements, address offensive behaviour and provide more relevant services to older persons and people with disabilities.