

Australian Capital Territory

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2009 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI2009 -24

made under the

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001, s 23 (Regular route services – power to determine maximum fares)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Under section 23 of the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001* the Minister may determine maximum fares, and ways of calculating maximum fares, payable by passengers on regular route services.

This instrument revokes Disallowable Instrument DI2008-235 (Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2008 (No 2)) (the former instrument).

This instrument is substantially the same as the former instrument, but includes a provision that extends the concessional fare arrangements for holders of ACT seniors cards to include the holders of any senior card issued by any Australian State or Territory. This is in line with the National Partnership Agreement on Certain Concessions for Pensioners and Seniors Card Holders, made between the Commonwealth, State and Territories, which commenced on 1 January 2009 (the National Agreement).

Maximum fare amounts and other eligibility conditions for concessional travel remain unchanged from the former instrument.

In drafting this instrument, the opportunity has also been taken to clarify the wording of paragraph (1) of the eligibility criteria for an “exempt person”. No substantive policy change was intended by this redrafting.

This instrument is taken to have commenced on 1 January 2009 (in line with the National Agreement). As no provision of the instrument operates to the disadvantage of any person other than the Territory, section 76 of the *Legislation Act 2001* permits the instrument to commence retrospectively.