Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation Declaration 2012 (No 4)

Disallowable instrument DI2012—213

made under the

Road Transport (General) Act 1999, section 13 (Power to exclude vehicles, persons or animals from road transport legislation)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Subsection 13(1) of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* (the Act) empowers the Minister to exclude vehicles, persons or animals from the road transport legislation. Subsection 13(3) of the Act provides that such a declaration is a disallowable instrument.

Clause 1 and 2 are formal provisions to provide for the name and commencement of the instrument.

Clause 3 is a declaration to exempt designated vehicles from certain provisions of the road transport legislation. The purpose of the exemption is to allow these motor vehicles, which are rally vehicles, to attend and participate in the launch of the National Capital Rally at Regatta Point on 6 September 2012.

The provisions from which the vehicles are exempted are section 21 (3) of the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1999* and section 33 (7) of the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulations 2000*. These provisions make it an offence for the registered operator (in the case of section 21 (3) of the Act), or a person other than the registered operator, to use a vehicle in a way that is contrary to a condition of the vehicle's registration. Rally vehicles are usually registered subject to the condition that they can only be used on a road or road related area when they are being driven to and from a motor vehicle rally or driven to a place where they can be repaired. The effect of this declaration is to temporarily disapply that condition, so that designated rally cars may be used on Territory roads and road related areas in connection with the launch of the 2012 National Capital Rally. The launch is not a rally in itself, and would not ordinarily come within the terms of the registration conditions applying to these vehicles.

Clause 4 explains when the declaration has effect.

Clause 5 contains definitions of key terms used in the instrument.

Clause 6 provides for the expiry of the instrument.