

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) (Minimum Service Standards for Hire Car Services (other than Restricted Hire Car Services)) Approval 2013

Disallowable instrument DI2013—83

made under the Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regulation 2002, section 18B (Minimum service standards for regulated services)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 18B (1) of the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regulation 2002* (the Regulation) requires the Road Transport Authority (the Authority) to approve Minimum Service Standards (MSS) for the operation of a regulated service including a hire car service. An approval under section 18B (1) is a disallowable instrument by virtue of section 18B (4).

The purpose of this instrument is to revoke and remake the MSS currently applying to operators of hire cars (other than a restricted hire car service) to reduce the regulatory burden on these operators. In addition, there are benefits to the Road Transport Authority with less administrative requirements being required of Public Transport Regulation.

This instrument does not apply to restricted hire car services, which are subject to their own separate MSS.

The instrument revokes the existing MSS for hire car services (other than restricted hire car services) (DI2006–42) (the previous instrument). The instrument is in force until it is amended or revoked.

Schedule 1 of the Instrument sets out the minimum requirements that must be consistently maintained by the operator of hire car services other than restricted hire car services. This instrument does not add to any of the requirements originally imposed by the previous instrument, with the exception of part 6, which is a new obligation which obliges an operator to verify that any driver who is not a permanent resident or Australian citizen is legally permitted under their visa to undertake such employment.

The remaining provisions either mirror the requirements of the previous Instrument, or lessens or removes altogether, requirements previously imposed on the operator by that instrument that were assessed as being unnecessarily prescriptive and which had no impact on safety or the quality of service offered to customers.