

Australian Capital Territory

Road Transport (General) Independent Taxi Operator Exemption Declaration 2015 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI 2015-26

made under the

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This instrument is made under section 13 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* (the Act) which allows the Minister to exclude vehicles, persons or animals from the operation of the road transport legislation, or a provision of that legislation, by disallowable instrument.

Under section 13 (1) of the Act, an exclusion operates in the circumstances and/or places declared in the instrument.

This instrument exempts approved participants in the Independent Taxi Operator Pilot (ITOP) from certain provisions of the legislative requirements for taxi service operators to allow them to continue operating under the current arrangements.

While the review of the ITOP was undertaken in 2014, it was considered that the results of the review and the decision to continue the scheme on a permanent basis should be considered as part of the Taxi Innovation Review.

There are currently four operators operating their taxis under the pilot, two of which are standard taxis and two are wheelchair accessible taxis.

Until the outcomes and recommendations of the Taxi Innovation Review are agreed Independent taxi operators should be able to continue to operate under this alternative option for public transport service providers. This exemption permits those operators to continue to operate under the current arrangements.