

Road Transport (General) Vehicle Registration and Related Fees Determination 2017 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2017—132

made under the

Road Transport (General) Act 1999, section 96 (Determination of fees, charges and other amounts)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 96 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* allows the Minister to determine fees, charges and other amounts payable under the ACT road transport legislation.

This disallowable instrument has the effect of determining fees, payable in advance, for transactions relating to vehicle registration and related fees under the road transport legislation.

Vehicle registration fees have been increased by 5%, rounded down to the nearest ten cents. Other fees and charges have been increased by the Wages Price Index (WPI) of 2%. The short term registration surcharge (payable for registration periods of less than 12 months) has not been changed. Heavy vehicle fees in this determination were adjusted on 1 July 2017 and are not further amended by this determination.

Trailer and caravan registration fees, other than the lightest two weight categories have been aligned with the New South Wales (NSW) private registration fees plus the weight tax. These registration fees will commence earlier on 1 July 2017 (all other fees commence on 14 August 2017) to ensure the full benefit of the initiative is received by owners of these vehicles.

Aligning registration fees with those in NSW will remove the incentive for owners of camper trailers and caravans garaged in the ACT to establish a garage address in NSW and seek registration in that jurisdiction. For a family sized caravan, it will provide families with savings in the order of \$593 to \$800 depending on the size of the vehicle.

Column 1 of schedule 1 lists the item number. Column 2 of schedule 1 describes the service or other matter in relation to the fee payable. Column 3 of schedule 1 lists the fee payable for a registration period commencing on or before the date listed in that column. Column 4 of schedule 1 lists the fee payable for a registration period commencing on or after the date listed in that column.

Schedules 2 and 3 provide for fees applicable to external organisations requesting data sourced from the Road Transport Authority database.

This determination is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after its notification pursuant to section 64 of the *Legislation Act 2001*.