

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
ROAD TRANSPORT (DIMENSIONS AND MASS) ACT 1990
DETERMINATION OF MASS LIMITS OF VEHICLES
INSTRUMENT NO. 303 OF 2000
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Determination gives effect to nationally agreed mass limits for heavy vehicles for the purposes of the *Road Transport (Dimensions and Mass) Act 1990* (the Act).

It inserts an additional new vehicle mass limit in Schedule 2 (Mass limits for tyres, wheels and axles) for the purposes of the Act.

The Determination reflects nationally agreed policy relating to ultra low floor buses, effectively a stairless entry bus. This type of bus is built to meet disability access standards applied under the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

The National Road Transport Commission on 16 July 1999 received Ministerial Council approval to increase the rear axle mass limit on these vehicles by one tonne, while retaining an overall 16 tonne Gross Vehicle Mass limit.

Under the Determination vehicles complying with the nationally-agreed mass limits will not require permits to operate in the ACT.

The setting of mass limits by determination provides the ACT with the flexibility to adopt any changes to mass limits which may be agreed nationally at any time in the future without undue delay.