

Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation (Polar Plunge Canberra) Declaration 2026 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2026–187

made under the

Road Transport (General) Act 1999, s 12 (Power to include or exclude areas in road transport legislation)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 12 (1) (b) of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* (the *Act*) provides the Minister may declare that a provision of the road transport legislation does not apply to a road or road related area. Section 12 (3) of the Act makes such a declaration a disallowable instrument.

This declaration is made to support parking arrangements for a charity event at the Canberra Olympic Pool on 16 August 2026. The effect of the declaration at section 3 of the instrument is to allow volunteers and participants attending the Polar Plunge Canberra 2026 for Special Olympics Australia charity event to park in pay time limited parking spaces near Civic Pool (also known as the Canberra Olympic Pool) and be exempt from payments and time limits specified on the relevant parking sign.

The declaration has effect from 9:30am to 4:00pm on 16 August 2026. The schedule to the instrument includes a map of the area surrounding Civic Pool where the declaration applies. The relevant area is highlighted in orange.

A regulatory impact statement is not required as this instrument does not impose appreciable costs on the community or a part of the community (see s 34 (1) *Legislation Act 2001*). Further, the temporary suspension of parking rules to support a major charity event at Civic Pool does not operate to the disadvantage of anyone by adversely affecting their rights or imposing liabilities on the person (see s 36 (1) *Legislation Act 2001*).

There is no impact on human rights or on climate change associated with this instrument.