

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT 1936

DETERMINATION OF TAXI FARES

No. 155 of 1995

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The use of the Civic Bus Interchange by taxis between midnight and 6 am is intended to assist in transporting people out of the Civic area quickly once they have left licensed premises in order to reduce the risk of confrontation around Civic at night.

A bus platform in Alinga Street, within the Civic Interchange, has been identified as a taxi rank between midnight and 6 am but access to it via East Row is prohibited due to East Row being gazetted as being reserved for priority vehicles, in this case, route service buses, only.

Section 112K(1) of the *Motor Traffic Act 1936*, allows the Minister to declare a certain class of vehicle, in this case taxis, to be "priority vehicles". In this case, taxis are declared to be priority vehicles between midnight and 6 am, seven days a week. All TX900 series taxis are included as priority vehicles in addition to all ACT taxis as these vehicles are multicabs (or disabled taxis) which are permitted to service regular taxi clients when not transporting disabled passengers.