



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
MOTOR VEHICLES (DIMENSIONS AND MASS) ACT 1990
DETERMINATION OF AMOUNTS OF MASS
NO. 202 OF 1996

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Determination sets new mass limits for the purposes of the *Motor Vehicles (Dimensions and Mass) Act 1990* (the Act). Schedule 1 fixes the mass limits for vehicles and vehicle combinations and Schedule 2 fixes the maximum amounts of mass which may be carried by individual wheels, axles or axle groups.

The Determination revokes the previous determinations of mass limits which have applied since the commencement of the Act in December 1990.

Vehicles (or combinations of vehicles) which exceed the mass limits laid down in this Determination may only operate in the ACT in accordance with the provisions of a permit issued by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to the particular vehicle (or combination) under section 27 of the Act, or in accordance with the provisions of an exemption notice made by the Minister in relation to the class of vehicles (or combination) under the new section 31A of the Act.

The mass limits set out in the schedules to the Determination are consistent with new, nationally-uniform limits agreed to by the Ministerial Council of Road Transport in December 1993 and subsequently incorporated in the *Road Transport Reform (Mass and Loading) Regulations* made under the *Commonwealth Road Transport Reform (Vehicles and Traffic) Act 1993*. These national regulations are not yet operational (pending finalisation of compliance and enforcement provisions) but the new mass limits have already been adopted by all other jurisdictions under State and Territory legislation.

Under the Determination vehicles complying with the nationally-agreed mass limits that exceed the limits which formerly applied in the ACT will no longer require permits to operate in the Territory.