

Road Transport (General) (Vehicle Registration) Exemption 2009 (No 3)

Disallowable instrument DI2009—161

made under the

Road Transport (General) Act 1999, section 13 (Power to exclude vehicles, persons or animals from road transport legislation)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Subsection 13(1) of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* (the Act) empowers the Minister to declare that the road transport legislation does not apply to a vehicle, person or animal in a place or circumstance stated in the declaration.

Section 32B(2) of the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2000* (the regulation) provides that the Road Transport Authority must refuse to approve an application for registration of a vehicle as a wheelchair accessible taxi if:

- (a) the vehicle has been used as a taxi for 8 years or more; or
- (b) for an application for the 1st registration of the vehicle as a wheelchair-accessible taxi - the vehicle is 2 years old or older.

The purpose of this instrument is to exempt the 2001 Ford Transit dual-capacity wheelchair accessible taxi identified by VIN WFOLXXGBFL1J71666 from the provisions of section 32B(2)(a) of the regulation so that it may be used as a standby dual wheelchair taxi after it reaches the maximum permissible time for which a vehicle may be used as a taxi.

Allowing the vehicle to be re-registered as a stand-by taxi will assist to maintain the number of wheelchair accessible taxis operating and be available to undertake jobs involving larger wheelchairs or double wheelchair bookings.

The operator has indicated that the vehicle is in good condition and fully operational as a dual wheelchair accessible taxi. The vehicle will be required to pass a roadworthy inspection before it can be registered as a stand-by taxi.