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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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### Outline

Section 793 of the *Children and Young People Act 2008* provides that a regulation may declare work that is **light work**. Accordingly, the intention of this regulation is to clearly define **light work** as work that may be undertaken by a child or young person for which Chapter 21 of the *Children and Young People Act 2008* applies (see section 779 of the Act).

This regulation is supported by the *Children and Young People (High Risk Employment) Declaration 2009 (No 1)* which defines work that is unsuitable for children and young people under Chapter 21 of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*.

### Clauses

#### Section 1 – Name of regulation

This section sets out the name of the regulation as the *Children and Young People Regulation 2009*.

#### Section 2 – Commencement

The commencement of the regulation is tied to the commencement of the *Children and Young People Act 2008*, Chapter 21.

#### Section 3 – Notes

This section provides that notes are explanatory and not part of the regulation.

#### Section 4 – Meaning of **light work**—Act, s 793 (b)

Section 4 (1) provides that work undertaken by a child or young person that is suitable for the physical, emotional and developmental capacity of the child or young person; where the child or young person is adequately supervised; and is undertaken where appropriate work safety standards are in place; is considered to be **light work**.

Section 4 (2) defines adequate supervision for a child three years of age or younger; a child aged more than three years but under twelve years; and a young person.

Furthermore, a non limiting list of examples of work that may be considered **light work** is included.