

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY MOTOR TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1982 ORDINANCE NO. 6 1982

The Motor Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 1982 (the amending Ordinance) amends the Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936 (the Principal Ordinance) to give statutory recognition in the Australian Capital Territory to permits issued in the States or in the Northern Territory in respect of unregistered vehicles. It also provides for recognition of related third party insurance policies.

Sections 1 and 2 of the amending Ordinance deal with interpretation provisions.

Section 216 of the Principal Ordinance provides that the Registrar may issue temporary licences in respect of unregistered vehicles or in respect of purposes for which vehicles are not registered.

Section 5 of the amending Ordinance amends section 216 of the Principal Ordinance to deem a permit issued in a State or the Northern Territory to be a temporary licence under section 216 for the period and subject to the conditions, as applicable, specified in the permit.

Section 4 of the amending Ordinance amends section 165 of the Principal Ordinance to exempt unregistered vehicles subject to a State or Northern Territory permit from the requirement for registration by reference to the deeming amendment to section 216. Section 4 also corrects a misdescription of section 216 in section 165(e).

Section 93 of the Principal Ordinance provides that visiting vehicles which have insurance cover which complies with the requirements of Northern Territory or State law are exempted from the operation of section 51(1) which prohibits the use of a motor vehicle on a public street if that vehicle does not have third party insurance cover. Section 3 of the amending Ordinance extends the exemption of section 93 to unregistered vehicles subject to a State or Northern Territory permit by reference to the deeming amendment to section 216. Section 3 also deletes a reference in section 93 of the Principal Ordinance to section 52(1) as it deals with a registration requirement which is not relevant to the operation of section 93.