

Australian Capital Territory

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) (Minimum Service Standards for Taxi Services) Approval 2010 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2010–203

made under the

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regulation 2002, section 18B (Minimum service standards for regulated services)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 18B(1) of the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regulation 2002* (the Regulation) requires the Road Transport Authority to approve Minimum Service Standards (MSS) for the operation of a regulated service including a taxi service. An approval under section 18B(1) is a disallowable instrument by virtue of section 18B(4).

Schedule 1 of the Instrument sets out the minimum requirements that must be met by a taxi service operator.

The purpose of this instrument is to amend Part 3 of the MSS to incorporate a clause to ensure that, when a vehicle is deemed to be unsafe to be used as a public passenger vehicle, that the vehicle is not used as a taxi until it has passed a roadworthy inspection.

Two additional clauses have also been included under Part 1 to require taxi operators to ensure that taximeters are calibrated and tested within three months of a fare change and/or when requested to by the manufacturer. Taxi operators must also keep records of taximeter calibrations and testing and provide evidence to the Authority when requested, that the taximeter has been calibrated in accordance with the Taximeter Standards.

The amendments will allow the Authority to take disciplinary action, under Chapter 8 of the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regulation 2002*, if an operator fails to comply with MSS.