Road Transport (Public passenger Services) Regular route Services Transitional Maximum Fare determination 2011 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2011–19

made under the

Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Act 2001, section 23 (Regular route services – power to determine maximum fares)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This instrument provides maximum fares charged to customers using the ACTION bus system. The instrument revokes the previous maximum fare determination of 2010 (DI2010 -96).

This Instrument allows for the transition of fares from the existing ACTION bus magnetic ticket system to the new MyWay smart card system being introduced by ACTION during 2011. During the transition period, ACTION customers can use either the magnetic ticket system or, as the MyWay services are introduced, progressively move to the new fare system.

The existing magnetic ticketing fares, while they continue to operate, will do so as provided for in Part A of the Schedule. There are no changes to these fares from those provided in revoked Instrument DI2010-96.

Part B of the Schedule provides new types of fares under the MyWay system. Changes to the fare system allow for caps on the amount charged either as a total cost per day or, as the case with a monthly cap, the number of trips taken. For example, the instrument introduces a monthly cap of 36 trips in a calendar month meaning that any additional trips will be at no cost during that month. A trip is a single paid fare including any transfers made within 90 minutes.

A default fare has also been created. It is a condition of travel using a MyWay card, that passengers tag on and off the bus they are travelling on. If a customer does not comply with this requirement then they will be charged a default fare equivalent to the standard cash fare for the trip.

Part C of the Schedule provides for cash fares.

Part D of the Schedule provides definitions and validity arrangements for ticket types and eligibility conditions for discounted fares. This part also provides the definition of an exempt person, who, under the instrument, is not required to pay a fare. For example, a child under the age of five years.