Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2016

Disallowable instrument DI2016-293

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 service. The instrument revokes the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2015* (DI2015–326).

The instrument contains the maximum fares payable for travel on ACTION buses by holders of MyWay smart cards and those paying cash fares. MyWay fares have increased by up to 2.7 percent from those fares set in the *Road Transport (Public Passenger Services) Regular Route Services Maximum Fares Determination 2015* (DI2015–326), whilst cash fares have increased up to 4.3 percent. The MyWay off-peak single concession cash fare has increased to 50 percent of the standard fare over a three year period.

		Current Fares	Proposed Fares
MyWay Peak	Adult	\$2.98	\$3.06
	Concession	\$1.49	\$1.53
	Tertiary	\$1.49	\$1.53
	School Student	\$1.13	\$1.16
MyWay Off Peak	Adult	\$2.37	\$2.43
	Concession	\$0.83	\$0.85
	Tertiary	\$1.49	\$1.53
	School Student	\$1.13	\$1.16
Cash	Adult	\$4.70	\$4.80
	Concession	\$2.30	\$2.40
Weekday Daily Fare Cap/Daily Cash Fare	Adult	\$9.00	\$9.20
	Concession	\$4.50	\$4.60
Non School Days	School Student	\$1.49	\$1.53
Maximum Monthly Cost*	Adult	\$119.20	\$122.40
	Concession	\$59.60	\$61.20
	School Student	\$33.90	\$34.80

*Cash fares are rounded to the nearest 10 cents

Part A of the Schedule provides fares under the MyWay smart card system. The fare system allows 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 includes a monthly trip cap of 40 trips (30 trips for school students) in a calendar month meaning that any additional trips will be at no cost during that month. A trip is a single fare including any transfers made within 90 minutes.

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. A default fare will still be charged to a MyWay card after a passenger has reached the monthly ride cap, or daily fare cap if the passenger fails to tag off, though no fare will be deducted for the trip that has been taken.

Part B of the Schedule provides for cash fares.

Part C 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.

^{**}Assumptions - 21 working/school days per month, two paid trips per day, no weekend/off peak travel or other discounted MyWay fares applied and no change to monthly fare caps.