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The *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*, under subsection 13(1) empowers the Minister to declare that a provision of the road transport legislation does not apply to a person or vehicle in a place or circumstance by notice published in the Gazette. The notice, by virtue of subsection 12(3), is a disallowable instrument for the purposes of section 10 of the *Subordinate Laws Act 1989*.

The 14th Summernats Car Festival is to be held at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC) from 3 January 2001 to 7 January 2001. This event stages a number of competitive motor vehicle events, including burnouts, horsepower performance tests, speed tests and driving skills contests. The vehicles that compete in these events may be registered vehicles or highly modified vehicles, which due to their alterations are unable to meet vehicle registration standards and are therefore unregistered and uninsured.

This instrument declares that the compulsory third party insurance provisions of the road transport legislation do not apply to certain persons and vehicles whilst at EPIC participating in Summernats activities.

The declaration will have the effect of excluding claims against the Nominal Defendant for injuries arising from the use of unregistered vehicles and of limiting other claims against the compulsory third party scheme. The promoter has taken out public liability insurance, which expands to cover motor vehicle injury claims when this declaration is made.

Although Summernats officially ends at 6pm on 7 January 2001, the declaration extends the period when unregistered and uninsured vehicles may be used within EPIC to 10am the following day to allow campers to recover from the activities prior to travelling interstate.