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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 attracts highly modified vehicles, which due to their alterations are unable to meet vehicle registration standards. The vehicles are subject to vehicle safety inspection prior to entry into EPIC.

This declaration seeks to remove the application of Section 18(1) of the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1999*, which prohibits a person from driving an unregistered vehicle on a road or road related area.

By declaring that Section 18(1) does not apply to unregistered vehicles while the vehicle is within the precincts of EPIC for the Summernats event, the owner or user of the vehicle may lawfully participate in the Summernat activities.

Although Summernats officially ends at 6pm on 7 January 2001, the declaration extends the period when the unregistered vehicles may be used within EPIC to 10am on 8 January 2001 to allow campers to recover from the activities prior to travelling interstate.

The promoter of Summernats has secured liability insurance that provides an avenue for compensation should a person be injured by an unregistered vehicle.