Road Transport (General) Vehicle Registration and Related Fees Determination 2023 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2023-54

made under the

Road Transport (General) Act 1999, section 96 (Determination of fees, charges and other amounts)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 96 of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* allows the Minister to determine fees, charges and other amounts payable under the ACT road transport legislation.

This disallowable instrument has the effect of determining fees, payable, for transactions relating to vehicle registration and related fees under the road transport legislation.

Light vehicle registration and other registration related road transport fees and charges have been increased by the estimated 2022-23 wage price index of 3.75%, rounded down to the nearest ten cents in accordance with advice provided by ACT Treasury. The short-term registration surcharges (payable for registration periods of less than 12 months) have not been changed and remain at \$10.

Indexing fees and charges annually maintains the real cost of the product or service being provided.

Heavy vehicle fees are agreed nationally by transport and infrastructure ministers at the Infrastructure and Transport Ministers Meeting (ITMM). The Roads Component of heavy vehicle registration fees are increased by 6% in line with advice from the National Transport Commission (NTC). The Regulatory component of heavy vehicle registration fees have been adjusted in line with advice from the NTC and the budget of the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

To avoid any uncertainty a definition of a Modified Historic vehicle has been inserted into section 11 and the term included in parts 6 and 21 of Schedule 1 to clarify that these vehicles are subject to the same fee arrangements as other Veteran, Vintage and Historic vehicles.

Column 1 of schedule 1 lists the item number for which the fee is payable. Column 2 of schedule 1 describes the service or other matter in relation to the fee payable. Column 3 of schedule 1 lists the fee payable for a registration period commencing on or before 30 June 2023. Column 4 of schedule 1 lists the fee payable for a registration period commencing on or after 1 July 2023.

Schedules 2 and 3 provide for fees applicable to external organisations requesting data sourced from the Road Transport Authority database.

The preference of the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) that Instruments or Explanatory Statements identify the amount of the old and new fee, any percentage increase and the reason for any increase in the Instrument or the Explanatory Statement has been taken into account in the preparation of the Instrument and the Explanatory Statement.

There are not considered to be any human rights or climate change implications arising from this instrument.

This determination is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after its notification pursuant to section 64 of the *Legislation Act 2001*.