

Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation (National Multicultural Festival) Declaration 2026

Disallowable instrument DI2026-5

made under the

Road Transport (General) Act 1999, s 12 (Power to include or exclude areas in road transport legislation)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 12 (1) (b) of the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999* (the *Act*) empowers the Minister to declare that a provision of the road transport legislation does not apply to a road or road related area. Section 12 (3) of the Act makes such a declaration a disallowable instrument.

Section 6 of the Act provides that road transport legislation includes the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999*. Section 104 of the *Legislation Act 2001* states that a reference to an Act includes a reference to the statutory instruments made or in force under the Act, including any regulation. Section 33 of the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999* incorporates the *Road Transport (Road Rules) Regulation 2017* which forms part of the road transport legislation.

The purpose of this disallowable instrument is to disapply certain parking provisions in specified event areas to support the National Multicultural Festival (*NMF*). The areas identified in the schedules to the instrument will be used for a range of purposes, including pedestrian circulation, stalls, stages, emergency services compounds, cold food storage and waste disposal. The areas outlined in the schedules will disapply the relevant parking provisions in part 12 of the *Road Transport (Road Rules) Regulation 2017* for the specified times to support the logistical arrangements for the event.

Regulatory impact statement

A regulatory impact statement is not required as this instrument does not impose appreciable costs on the community or a part of the community (see section 34 (1), *Legislation Act 2001*). Further, the temporary suspension of parking rules to support major events such as the NMF does not operate to the disadvantage of anyone by adversely affecting their rights or imposing liabilities on the person (see section 36 (1), *Legislation Act 2001*).

Human rights

This instrument does not engage the rights of any individual in the *Human Rights Act 2004*, as the instrument only applies to corporations, which do not have human rights (see *Human Rights Act 2004*, section 6).

Section notes

Section 1 names the instrument the *Road Transport (General) Application of Road Transport Legislation (National Multicultural Festival) Declaration 2026*.

Section 2 provides the instrument commencement date and time.

Section 3 declares that multiple sections within part 12 of the *Road Transport (Road Rules) Regulation 2017* do not apply to designated vehicles in areas identified in Schedule 1 to the instrument for purposes of performing preparatory work for the 2026 NMF.

Section 4 declares that multiple sections within part 12 of the *Road Transport (Road Rules) Regulation 2017* do not apply to vehicles stopping or parking in areas identified in Schedules 2 and 3 of the instrument for the purpose of supporting the 2026 NMF.

Section 5 declares that for the specified periods, multiple provisions within part 12 of the *Road Transport (Road Rules) Regulation 2017* do not apply to the areas identified in Schedule 2 of the instrument at the specified times.

Section 6 contains definitions for the instrument.

Section 7 provides that the instrument expires on 21 February 2026.

Schedule 1 provides maps of roads and road-related areas where road transport legislation, as specified in section 3, will be disapplied for the 2026 NMF.

Schedule 2 provides maps of roads and road-related areas where road transport legislation, as specified in sections 4 to 6, will be disapplied for the 2026 NMF.

Schedule 3 provides maps of roads and road-related areas where road transport legislation, as specified in sections 4 and 6, will be disapplied for the 2026 NMF.