

Australian Capital Territory

Road Transport (General) (Numberplate Fees) Determination 2026 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2026-46

made under the

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Overview

This explanatory statement relates to the *Road Transport (General) (Numberplate Fees) Determination 2026 (No 1)* (the **instrument**) as presented to the Legislative Assembly. It has been prepared to assist the reader of the instrument. It does not form part of the instrument and has not been endorsed by the Assembly.

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

This disallowable instrument determines fees for transactions relating to vehicle numberplates and the rights to registration numbers issued under the road transport legislation.

The fees for numberplates have been increased by 3.85%, incorporating the estimated 2025-26 wage price index of 3.5% in accordance with rates published in Budget Memo 2025/32 and an additional 0.35% as per budget Memo 2024/14. Fees have been rounded down to the nearest ten cents. The fee for national heavy vehicle numberplates has been increased to \$32.30 following advice from the National Transport Commission.

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

It is the preference of the Standing Committee on Legal Affairs (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. This has been considered in the preparation of the instrument and this explanatory statement.

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

This instrument revokes the *Road Transport (General) Numberplate Fees Determination 2025 (No 5)* (DI2025-303).

This determination under section 96 of the Act is a disallowable instrument and must be presented to the Legislative Assembly within 6 sitting days after its notification pursuant to *Legislation Act 2001* (the **Legislation Act**).

Human Rights

There are no human rights impacts arising from this instrument.

Climate change

It is anticipated that the changes implemented in this instrument will not have an impact on climate change.

Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)

A RIS is not required for this fee determination due to section 36 (1) (k) of the Legislation Act, which states that a RIS need not be prepared for an amendment of a fee consistent with announced government policy.