Australian Capital Territory

Road Transport (Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Higher Mass Limits (HML) Exemption Notice 2011 (No 1)

**Notifiable instrument NI2011–418**

made under the

*Road Transport (Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Regulation 2010,* section 47 (Higher mass limit notices for eligible vehicles).

**1 Name of instrument**

This instrument is the *Road Transport (Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Higher Mass Limits (HML) Exemption Notice 2011 (No 1)*.

**2 Commencement**

This instrument commences on the day after its notification.

**3 Vehicle exemption**

I exempt a vehicle or combination to which this notice applies under part 1 of schedule 1 from the mass limits set out in section 1.9 of schedule 1 to the *Road Transport (Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Regulation 2010* if the vehicle complies with, and is operated in accordance with, the conditions set out in part 2 of the schedule*.*

**4 Declared routes**

I declare that a vehicle or combination to which this notice applies may operate on a route mentioned in schedule 1.

**5 Displacement of Legislation Act, s 47 (6)**

The Legislation Act, section 47 (6) does not apply to this instrument.

Note The text of an applied, adopted or incorporated instrument, whether applied as in force at a particular time or from time to time, is taken to be a notifiable instrument if the operation of the Legislation Act, s 47 (5) or (6) is not disapplied (see s 47 (7)).

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Road Transport Authority

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**SCHEDULE 1 TO HIGHER MASS LIMITS (HML)  
 EXEMPTION NOTICE 2011 (No 1)**

**Part 1 - Application**

**1.1 Application**

1.1.1 This notice applies to a heavy vehicle or heavy combination that meets the definition of an eligible vehicle defined in section 43 of the *Road Transport (Mass, Dimensions and Loading) Regulation 2010* (the regulation)operated by an operator accredited under a Mass Management Accreditation Scheme within the meaning of section 46 of the regulation.

1.2.2 An eligible vehicle must also comply with the provisions of any permit or other notice issued under the regulation which may apply to such a vehicle or combination operating under this notice.

**1.2 Mass limits for axles and axle groups**

The mass limits specified in section 1.3 of schedule 1 of the regulation apply to an eligible vehicle operating under this notice.

**1.3 Maximum gross mass limits for a vehicle or combination**

The maximum gross mass limits for a vehicle or combination specified in section 1.3 of schedule 1 of the regulation apply to an eligible vehicle operating under this notice.

**1.4 Wide single tyres (super singles)**

This notice does not apply to those vehicles fitted with wide single tyres, which are used in substitution for dual tyres.

**Part 2 – Operation and travel requirements**

* 1. **Mass Management Accreditation Scheme**

Heavy vehicles and heavy combinations to which this notice applies must comply with section 46 of the regulation.

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| **Note:**  The ACT’s road transport authority does not offer NHVAS accreditation however ACT operators may apply for accreditation in other jurisdictions. |

**2.2 Route compliance**

Vehicles operating under this notice must meet any route compliance requirements determined by the road transport authority.

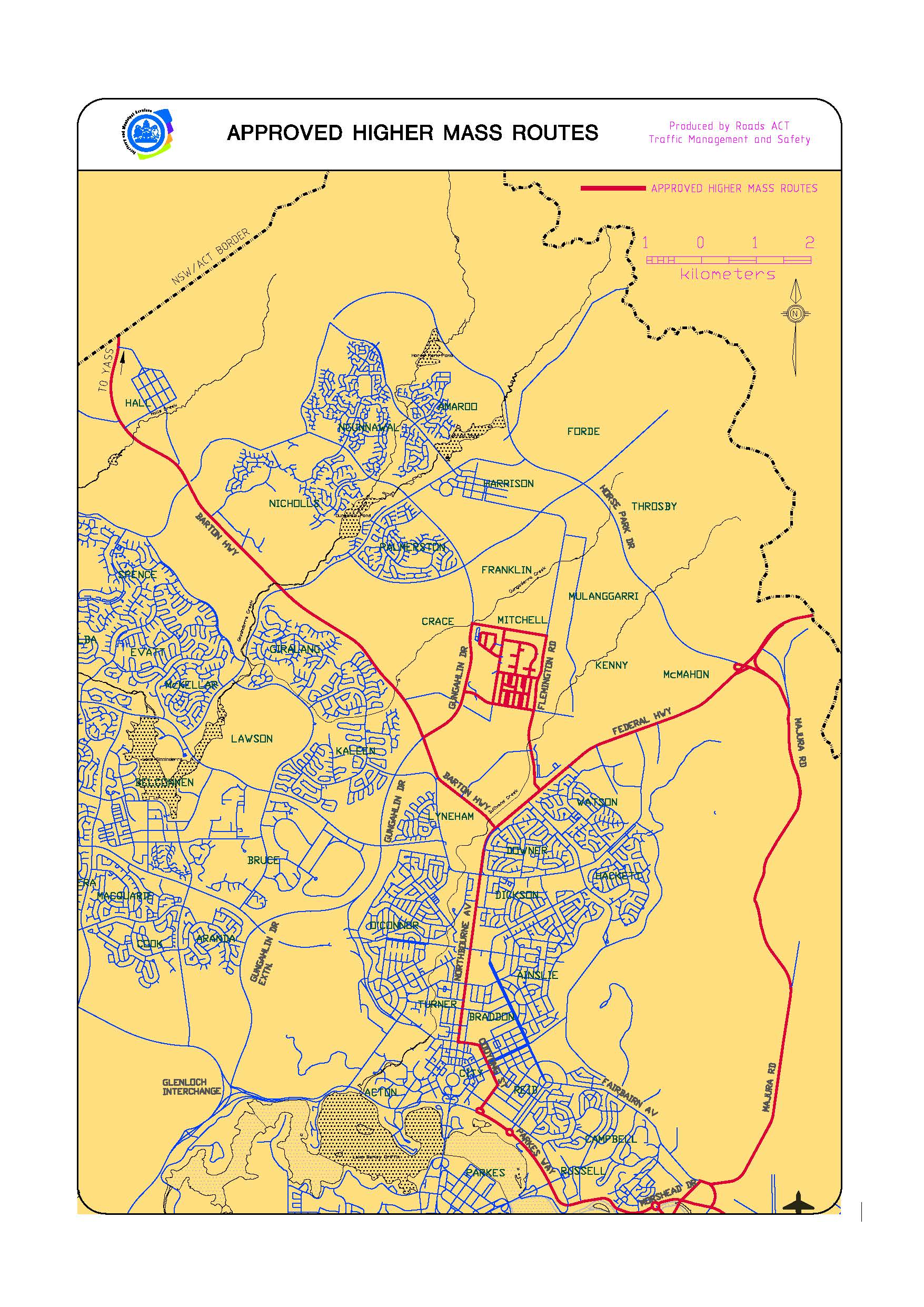
**Part 3 – Approved Higher Mass Limits Routes**

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| **National Highways and Main Roads in the ACT** | **From** | **To** |
| Barton Highway | ACT/NSW Border | Federal Highway |
| Federal Highway | ACT/NSW Border | Barton Highway |
| Majura Road | Federal Highway | Fairbairn Avenue |
| Fairbairn Avenue | Morshead Drive | Pialligo Avenue |
| Morshead Drive | Fairbairn Avenue | Parkes Way |
| Parkes Way | Morshead Drive | Coranderrk Street |
| Coranderrk Street | Parkes Way | Cooyong Street |
| Cooyong Street | Coranderrk Street | Northbourne Avenue |
| Northbourne Avenue | Cooyong Street | Federal Highway / Barton Highway |
| Pialligo Avenue | Dairy Road / Morshead Drive | Sutton Road / Yass Road |
| Dairy Road (southbound only) | Morshead Drive / Pialligo Ave | Monaro Highway |
| Yass Road | Sutton Road / Pialligo Avenue | ACT/NSW border |
| Sutton Road | Pialligo Avenue / Yass Road | ACT/NSW Border |
| Kings Highway | ACT/NSW Border | ACT/NSW border |
| Monaro Highway | Morshead Drive | Newcastle Street on and off ramps |
| Monaro Highway | Canberra Avenue on and off ramps | ACT/NSW border |
| Lanyon Drive | Monaro Highway | ACT/NSW Border |
| Newcastle Street | Monaro Highway on and off ramps | Ipswich Street |
| Ipswich Street | Canberra Avenue | Newcastle Street |
| Canberra Avenue | Monaro Highway on and off ramps | ACT/NSW border |
| Gungahlin Drive | Barton Highway | Well Station Drive |
| Flemington Road | Federal Highway | Well Station Drive |

**Areas where HML vehicles may travel**

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| Mitchell Industrial Estate Area | All roads in the area bounded by and including:  Gungahlin Drive;  Sandford Street;  Well Station Drive; and  Flemington Road  With the exception of Pelle Street and all roads within Gungahlin Cemetery. |

**ACT Higher Mass Limit Routes**

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## **Part 4 – Definitions**

For the purpose of this notice:

***air suspension*** means a suspension system where at least 75% of the spring effect is caused by the air spring.

***authorised person*** means a person appointed as an authorised person under the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*

***Mass Management Accreditation Scheme*** means:

(a)  a scheme under the Mass Management Module of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme that is approved by the authority, or

(b)  any other scheme (that is not a national scheme) in relation to mass management developed by a body or organisation other than the National Transport Commission that is approved by the authority.

***road friendly suspension*** means a suspension system that complies with subclauses (1) or (2) below.

**(1)** A motor vehicle with a date of manufacture, as shown on its compliance plate, before 1 January 2000 or a motor vehicle not required by the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulations 2000* to be fitted with a compliance plate:

1. must have at least 1 axle group that has:
2. an air suspension system; and
3. dual tyres supporting each axle other than a steer axle or a 6-wheeled tandem axle group in which 1 of the 2 axles is fitted with dual tyres; and
4. functioning dampers incorporated on each axle; and
5. if it is a multi-axle group – a static load on each axle that is within 5% of its nominal share of the total load on the multi-axle group; and
6. if it has a new suspension system fitted on or after 1 January 2000 – must have a suspension type that is certified as complying with the performance criteria detailed in the Federal Office of Road Safety Vehicle Standards Bulletin 11 – Certification of Road Friendly Suspension Systems, April 1999.

**(2)** For a motor vehicle with a date of manufacture, as shown on its compliance plate, on or after 1 January 2000, at least 1 axle group:

1. must have a suspension type that is certified as complying with the performance criteria detailed in the Federal Office of Road Safety Vehicle Standards Bulletin 11 – Certification of Road Friendly Suspension Systems, April 1999; and
2. must have dual tyres supporting each axle other than:
3. a steer axle: or
4. a 6-wheeled tandem axle group in which 1 of the 2 axles is fitted with dual tyres.