



Queensland

# Traffic Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 2011

## Explanatory Notes for SL 2011 No. 98

made under the

*Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*

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## General outline

### Short title

*Traffic Amendment Regulation (No. 3) 2011.*

### Authorising law

Section 171 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*.

### Policy objectives and the reasons for them

A national reform initiative developed new eligibility criteria for the grant of an Australian Disability Parking Permit. On 31 March 2011, the *Traffic Regulation 1962* was amended to introduce eligibility criteria into Queensland legislation which were based on the nationally developed criteria.

The objective of the current amendments is to ensure that the wording of Queensland's eligibility criteria more closely aligns with the nationally developed criteria.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The amendments will remove wording in the eligibility criteria in the *Traffic Regulation 1962* which is not included in the nationally developed criteria for the grant of an Australian Disability Parking Permit.

As per the national scheme, the Queensland scheme will continue to be a scheme designed to assist those who have a condition or disability that affects their functional ability to walk.

## **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The amendments are consistent with the objectives of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*. In particular, the disability parking amendments are consistent with the objectives to manage the State's roads to:

- promote the effective and efficient movement of people, goods and services; and
- support a reasonable level of community access and mobility in support of government social justice objectives.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The costs associated with implementation of the legislation are minor administrative costs. These are not considered to be significant and will be funded by existing budget allocations.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The amendments are consistent with the fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

Relevant Queensland government departments have been consulted and support the amendments.

The national disability parking project was overseen by a working group of jurisdictional representatives that was supported by the Commonwealth's Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. The working group members included all state and territory

agencies that administer parking schemes, the Australian Local Government Association and its members, state and territory advisory committees made up of permit holders and other stakeholders including medical associations.

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#### ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

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