



Queensland

# **Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2013**

**Explanatory Notes for SL 2013 No. 153**

made under the

*Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*

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## **General outline**

### **Short title**

*Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2013.*

### **Authorising law**

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

### **Policy objectives and the reasons for them**

The purpose of this regulation is to amend the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2010* (Vehicle Registration Regulation) to allow the chief executive to issue special edition number plates.

These plates will be made available at certain periods to celebrate or acknowledge a significant event, occasion or achievement.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

The regulation achieves the objective by amending the Vehicle Registration Regulation to introduce special edition number plates.

The new plates will essentially be standard number plates but with a special tag line appearing under the registration number. Existing provisions in the Vehicle Registration Regulation dealing with standard number plates will apply to these new plates.

The Vehicle Registration Regulation is being amended, however, to allow the department to charge not only the standard plate fee but also an additional amount, to be determined by the chief executive, for the new plates.

A person will be able to apply for these special edition number plates for their vehicle if they:

- are applying for a new registration for the vehicle;
- need to replace damaged, destroyed, lost or stolen number plates; or
- want to replace existing number plates with special edition number plates.

Initially, these amendments will facilitate the issue of number plates to celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive series win for Queensland in the State of Origin rugby league. However, the provisions are drafted in a manner to allow for the issuing of future special edition number plates if required.

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

The amendments are consistent with the policy objectives in section 3 of the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* relating to the effective and efficient management of vehicles and are consistent with the scheme established under the Act to allow identification of vehicles.

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The costs associated with making the new plates available, including manufacturing, distribution, system development and administrative costs, will be covered by the additional amount charged for the plates.

Obtaining a special edition plate will only be an option and the standard “Sunshine State” tagged number plates will continue to be available to the public for the scheduled fee.

### **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The amendments are consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

### **Consultation**

Consultation on the proposed amendments was undertaken with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Treasury and Trade and the Office of Best Practice Regulation, Queensland Competition Authority.

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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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