

Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) (Fee Relief) Amendment Regulation 2024

Human Rights Certificate

Prepared in accordance with Part 3 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*

In accordance with section 41 of the *Human Rights Act 2019* (the HR Act), I, Bart John Mellish MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services provide this human rights certificate with respect to the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) (Fee Relief) Amendment Regulation 2024* (the Amendment Regulation) made under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995*.

In my opinion, the Amendment Regulation, as tabled in the Legislative Assembly, is compatible with the human rights protected by the HR Act. I base my opinion on the reasons outlined in this statement.

Overview of the Subordinate Legislation

The Amendment Regulation does not engage any human rights by making a fee reduction, which is below the government endorsed indexation factor for the 2024-25 financial year.

Human Rights Issues

Human rights relevant to the subordinate legislation (Part 2, Division 2 and 3 *Human Rights Act 2019*)

The *Acts Interpretation (Fee Unit) Regulation 2022* (the AI Fees Regulation) prescribes the value of a fee unit for a given Act, to enable the implementation of a regulatory fee unit model that streamlines the annual process of indexing regulatory fees. For the 2024-25 financial year, the value of the fee unit prescribed in section 2 of the AI Fees Regulation is not increasing.

However, the registration fee for light vehicles, ambulances and motorised caravans, administration fees for conditional registration and traffic improvement fees will be reduced by 20 per cent, for a 12-month period, effective from 16 September 2024. This change will apply to all vehicles listed regardless of their purpose of use. This reduction is expected to provide a discount to the owners of approximately 5.7 million vehicles.

A range of fees within the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2021* will not be reduced, including all national heavy vehicle fees, transaction fees (for example registration transfer, cancellation), administrative fees (for example surcharges) and a number of other fees.

Conclusion

I consider that the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Registration) (Fee Relief) Amendment Regulation 2024* is compatible with the *Human Rights Act 2019* and it does not raise any human rights issues.

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