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NOTICE OF DECISION

Transport (Buses, Taxi-Cabs and Other Commercial Passenger Vehicles)
(Taxi-Cab Industry Accreditation and Other Matters) Regulations 2017

I, Jacinta Allan, MP, Minister for Public Transport, responsible for administering the **Transport (Compliance and Miscellaneous) Act 1983**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of my decision to recommend to the Governor in Council that the proposed Transport (Buses, Taxi-Cabs and Other Commercial Passenger Vehicles) (Taxi-Cab Industry Accreditation and Other Matters) Regulations 2017 be made.

The objectives of the proposed Regulations are to support provision of bus and commercial passenger vehicle services that are safe for persons using the services by prescribing requirements for or in relation to –

- (a) driver accreditation and conduct; and
- (b) the inspection of commercial passenger vehicles; and
- (c) the operation of taxi-cabs; and
- (d) hirings, the charging and payment of fares and charges for taxi-cabs; and
- (e) the conduct of passengers; and
- (f) accreditation of operators of taxi-cabs and providers of taxi-cab network services.

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Regulations. The RIS was advertised on 2 May 2016 seeking public comment and 13 submissions were received.

After consideration of these submissions in accordance with section 11 of the Act, I have further considered the proposed Regulations and I give notice of my intention to proceed with the making of these regulations with amendments as follows –

- It will continue to be a requirement for drivers of taxi-cabs to pass on notices of defects to the operator of the taxi-cab (it was proposed to remove this requirement);
- Security camera specifications will continue to be determined by the Taxi Services Commission instead of being prescribed in a schedule to the regulations;
- The Regulations will continue to prohibit the consumption of liquor by passengers in taxi-cabs (there was consideration of removing the prohibition);
- Taxi-cab operators will not be required to comply with the Australian Standard for complaints handling, instead, the existing complaints handling requirements will continue to apply;
- The new regulations will require the providers of taxi-cab network services to keep records on behalf of a taxi operator if there is an agreement in place for the provider of taxi-cab networks services to do so on behalf of a taxi operator; and
- There has been minor changes to the records that are required to be kept by the providers of network services regarding the hiring of booking of taxi-cabs.

Dated 5 June 2017

JACINTA ALLAN MP
Minister for Public Transport

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