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NOTICE OF DECISION

Bus Safety Regulations 2020

I, Ben Carroll, Minister for Public Transport and Minister responsible for administering the **Bus Safety Act 2009**, give notice in accordance with section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** of my decision to make the proposed Bus Safety Regulations 2020 (the proposed Regulations).

A regulatory impact statement in relation to the proposed Regulations was made available for public comment and submissions from 16 July 2020 until 13 August 2020. The Department received 14 submissions.

After consideration of the submissions in accordance with section 11 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, I have decided to proceed with the making of the proposed Regulations with the following amendments:

- amend the bus incidents prescribed for the purposes of notifying the regulator of their occurrence to:
 - omit incidents relating to minor property damage;
 - narrow the circumstances when significant damage to property must be reported; and
 - reclassify incidents relating to anti-social behaviour so that such incidents only require notification on a monthly basis;
- include the existing requirement for accredited bus operators to display accredited bus operator number plates (consideration was given to removing this requirement);
- amend the requirements for maintenance management systems of accredited bus operators to:
 - provide that the Safety Director must specify the qualifications or experience that persons who conduct vehicle safety inspections under those systems must have; and
 - prescribe records that must be kept regarding pre-trip inspections and vehicle safety inspections completed under those systems;
- permit additional authorised persons to determine the maximum carrying capacity of a bus;
- provide for the waiver or reduction of prescribed fees where there are reasonable grounds to do so;
- delay the commencement of regulations requiring the display of operator accreditation or registration numbers on buses and record keeping for registered bus operators until 5 April 2021;
- delay the commencement of the requirement for monthly reporting of category 3 incidents by bus operators until 1 January 2021; and
- other minor, miscellaneous and technical amendments.

Dated 22 September 2020

THE HON. BEN CARROLL MP
Minister for Public Transport

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