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Unregistered Motor Vehicles

Background

Under Northern Territory Legislation, it is an offence to drive or cause to be driven, a motor vehicle on a public street or public place, which is not registered.

However, a motor vehicle will be deemed to be registered if it is driven under certain circumstances, which include;

- Driving a vehicle by the shortest practical route to the nearest office of the Registrar or police station for the purpose of registering that vehicle.
- A motor vehicle being driven with an appropriate Temporary Licence.
- A motor vehicle being driven with a current Pastoral Permit.
- A motor vehicle under the control of a Police Officer.
- A motor vehicle which is the property of, or authorised by the Commonwealth.

Current Situation

Changes to Northern Territory legislation now enable motor vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass less than 4.5 tonnes to be driven unregistered to a repair workshop,

- (i) that is located within a reasonable distance in the circumstances; and
- (ii) that has the services of an Authorised Inspector appointed under the *Motor Vehicles Act*; and
- (iii) where arrangements for the presentation of the vehicle have been made in advance,

for the purpose of the vehicle being inspected or repaired in order for it to be registered.

The Current Situation detailed above does not apply to vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass of 4.5 tonnes and greater.

At all times a motor vehicle being used on a public street or public place is required to be in a safe condition.

Reference to the above information is located in the *Northern Territory Traffic Act, Section 33 and 33A*.

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