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Motor Vehicles Act and Traffic Act

Exemption

I, Simon Phillip Saunders, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, pursuant to section 135 of the *Motor Vehicles Act*, section 43B of the *Traffic Act* and regulation 90 of the *Traffic Regulations* hereby:

- exempt each vehicle belonging to the class of vehicles described in Schedule 1 from registration, motor accident compensation contributions and vehicle standards requirements of the *Motor Vehicles Act*, *Traffic Act* and the *Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations*; and
- exempt each person belonging to the class of persons described in Schedule 2 from the requirements of:
 - the *Traffic Act*, other than Part V;
 - the *Traffic Regulations*, other than regulation 19 and Australian Road Rule 287;

while present in a vehicle of the class described in Schedule 1, which is operating autonomously (i.e. is not under control of the person), and from the requirements of Australian Road Rules 266 and 299 when they are in control of the vehicle, subject to the following conditions:

1. Date of effect

This exemption takes effect for 4 weeks from the date of this exemption.

2. Restricted to Area/Routes

Travel for the vehicle is restricted to Kitchener Drive, Hughes Avenue and The Esplanade.

3. Person/driver required at all times

A person/driver, who is authorised by the vehicle operator and is trained in the operation of the vehicle, must be in the vehicle or in close vicinity of the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is in motion.

4. Driver's licence, zero alcohol, prohibited drugs

The driver referred to in Condition 3:

- a) must hold a minimum of a current "C" class driver's licence or equivalent;
- b) must not have any alcohol on the driver's breath or in the driver's blood; and
- c) must not have any prohibited drug in the driver's blood, as referred to in Section 19A of the *Traffic Act*.

5. Road rules

The requirements of the *Traffic Regulations* (which incorporate the Australian Road Rules), to the extent that they are relevant having regard to the permitted route and the vehicle type, apply at all times with the exception of Australian Road Rules 266, 297 and 299.

6. Competent Authority Approval

Vehicle may only operate with the approval of the Competent Authority, and in accordance with any conditions imposed by the Competent Authority.

7. Lamps lit in hazard

Flashing warning lights must be operational at all times whilst the vehicle is operating on roads and road related areas.

8. Vehicle specifications

The vehicle must be maintained in accordance with the vehicle specifications as specified by the vehicle manufacturer with respect to dimensions, lighting, warning device, wheels and tyres for on-road use.

9. Vehicle limitations

The vehicle must not be operated outside its manufacturer's component or design limitations.

Schedule 1

Exempt class of vehicle means an automated vehicle (a vehicle designed to allow a driver to disengage from the driving task) that is operated by the Darwin Waterfront Corporation of the Northern Territory.

Schedule 2

Exempt class of persons means a person/driver referred to in Condition 3.

Note

- For the purpose of this exemption, a driver means a person in the vehicle who is able to control the speed and direction of the vehicle even when the vehicle is operating in an automated mode.
- Subject to this exemption, the *Motor Vehicles Act*, the *Motor Vehicles Regulations*, the *Traffic Act* and the *Traffic Regulations* apply at all times.

Dated 1 September 2017

S. P. Saunders
Registrar of Motor Vehicles