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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Roads (General) Regulation 2000*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on 1 September 2000.

Note—

This Regulation replaces the *Roads (General) Regulation 1994* which is repealed on 1 September 2000 under section 10 (2) of the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*.

3 Definitions

(1) In this Regulation:

drive includes ride or draw (in relation to a vehicle) and ride or lead (in relation to an animal).

ferry means a road-ferry, and includes any vessel, equipment or structure that is used in connection with the operation of a road-ferry.

motor vehicle has the same meaning as it has in the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*.

opening bridge means a bridge that is designed to be opened, whether by lifting or turning a span of the bridge or otherwise.

operator of an opening bridge or ferry means the person responsible for opening the bridge or operating the ferry.

the Act means the *Roads Act 1993*.

toll has the same meaning as in section 250A of the Act.

toll operator means:

(a) the RTA, or

(b) any other person to whom the RTA has leased any part of land on which a tollway is operated and who collects a toll in respect of the tollway.

vehicle has the same meaning as it has in the *Road Transport (General) Act 1999*.

(2) The explanatory note, table of contents and notes in the text of this Regulation do not form part of this Regulation.

Part 2 Roads

Division 1 General

4 Application of Part

This Part applies to a public road and to a classified road that is not a public road.

5 Temporary closing of road

(1) A roads authority must give at least 7 days notice of its intention to close a public road in the exercise of its functions under Part 8 of the Act:

- (a) by means of a notice published in a local newspaper, and
- (b) by means of conspicuous notices erected along the road.

(2) No such notice is necessary in the case of an emergency.

6 Traffic controllers

(1) For the purpose of enabling it to exercise its functions under Part 8 of the Act, a roads authority may appoint traffic controllers, or authorise its agents and contractors to appoint traffic controllers, to direct traffic on a road.

(2) A traffic controller must wear a badge or other distinguishing mark clearly indicating the traffic controller's authority from the roads authority.

(3) A person must not disregard the reasonable directions of a traffic controller with respect to the regulation of traffic.

Maximum penalty (subclause (3)): 20 penalty units.

Division 2 Naming of roads

7 Notice to be given of proposed name

(1) A roads authority that proposes to name or rename a road:

- (a) must publish notice of its proposal in a local newspaper, and
- (b) must serve notice of its proposal on Australia Post, the Registrar-General and the

Surveyor-General and (in the case of a classified road) on the RTA.

- (2) The notice must state that written submissions on the proposed name may be made to the roads authority and must specify the address to which, and the date by which, any such submissions should be made.

8 Making of submissions

Any person may make written submissions to the roads authority on its proposal to name or rename a road.

9 Notice to be given of new name

If, after considering any submissions duly made to it, the roads authority decides to proceed with the proposed name, the roads authority:

- (a) must publish notice of the new name in the Gazette and in a local newspaper, giving (in the case of a road that is being named for the first time) a brief description of the location of the road, and
- (b) must inform Australia Post, the Registrar-General and the Surveyor-General and (in the case of a classified road) the RTA of the new name, giving sufficient particulars to enable the road to be identified.

10 Minister's approval required in certain cases

- (1) A roads authority may not proceed with a proposal to name or rename a road against an objection made by Australia Post, the Registrar-General or the Surveyor-General or (in the case of a classified road) the RTA, except with the approval of the Minister.
- (2) This clause does not apply if the Minister is the roads authority concerned.

Division 3 Protection of roads and traffic

11 Things placed on and use of roads

- (1) A person must not:
 - (a) place on a road anything that is likely to injure any person or damage any vehicle, or
 - (b) place on a road anything that is likely to restrict or endanger the use of a road by the public or interfere with public convenience, or
 - (c) load or unload a vehicle on or from the shoulder of a road in a manner that is likely to cause damage to the road, or
 - (d) allow to escape onto a road any liquid or any loose or waste material.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to:

- (a) the placement on a road of a building waste storage container, to the extent to which its placement is authorised by or under the *Local Government Act 1993*, or
- (b) the placement on a road of a garbage bin, bag or other receptacle or of other refuse collectible by the council, to the extent to which its placement is authorised by or under the *Local Government Act 1993*, so long as it is placed:
 - (i) beside the carriageway of the road, and
 - (ii) out of the line of traffic, or
- (c) the doing of anything on a road with the consent of the relevant roads authority, or
- (d) the temporary placement of anything on a road as a result of the breakdown of the vehicle or animal by which it is being carried.

(3) A person who leaves anything on a road because of the breakdown of the vehicle or animal by which it is being carried:

- (a) must place it out of the line of traffic, and
- (b) must ensure that it is adequately guarded to prevent its being a danger to the public, and
- (c) must ensure that it is adequately lit at night, and
- (d) must cause it to be removed from the road as soon as practicable.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

12 Protection of roads

A person must not:

- (a) drive a vehicle or animal on a road in such manner as to cause damage to the road or to any structure or work on the road, fair wear and tear excepted, or
- (b) tether in any road any animal that is capable of causing damage to the road or to any structure or work on the road.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

13 Dragging things on road

(1) A person must not:

- (a) propel or drag anything along the surface of a road that is capable of causing damage to the road or to any structure or work on the road, fair wear and tear

excepted, or

- (b) drive a vehicle with chains on its wheels otherwise than on a road whose surface is covered with mud, snow or ice.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) A person must not, except with the permission of the roads authority, drive on a road a vehicle that has caterpillar tracks or that has wheels having spikes, bars or other projections that come into contact with the road surface.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

14 Vehicles in disrepair

A person must not drive a vehicle on a road if the vehicle is in such a state of disrepair as to cause damage to the road or to any structure or work on the road, fair wear and tear excepted.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

Division 4 Protection of public safety

15 Lighting and fencing of obstructions and dangers

Any person (including a roads authority) who carries out a work on a road in such a manner as to create a traffic hazard:

- (a) must ensure that the hazard is adequately guarded to prevent its being a danger to the public, and
- (b) must ensure that the hazard is adequately lit at night.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

16 Lights on roads

A person must not extinguish, interfere with or obscure any street light or hazard warning light on a road.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

17 Jumping onto or from bridges and other structures

- (1) A person must not jump onto or from any portion of a bridge or other structure that is situated on, or forms part of, a road.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

- (2) A roads authority may, either unconditionally or subject to conditions, exempt any person or class of persons in writing from the operation of this clause.

Division 5 Protection from neighbouring land

18 Throwing things onto roads or vehicles

A person must not, without the permission of a roads authority, cast or throw anything onto a road, or into or onto a vehicle on a road, from anywhere (including the road).

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

19 Property to be sufficiently spouted

The occupier of land having frontage to a road must not allow water to drip or flow from the land onto any part of the road other than the gutter.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

20 Excavations adjacent to road

A person must not excavate land in the vicinity of a road if the excavation is capable of causing damage to the road (such as by way of subsidence) or to any work or structure on the road.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

21 Obstruction on footway or road

A person must not erect, maintain or use a door or gate that opens outwards into a road.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

Part 3 Tollways

Division 1 Payment of tolls and charges

21A Definitions

In this Part:

electronic device means a device, bearing a unique identifying number or alphanumeric identifier, issued by a toll operator for use in payment of a toll and affixed to a vehicle, or otherwise used, as approved by the toll operator.

electronic toll sign means a sign in relation to a lane on a tollway indicating that a toll in respect of a vehicle in that lane may be paid by means of an electronic device.

toll collection point means the point designated as the place where a toll is to be paid to or collected by a toll operator.

22 Driver of vehicle to pay toll

(1) The driver of a motor vehicle must not drive the vehicle past any toll collection point

relating to the lane in which the vehicle is travelling on a tollway unless:

- (a) the relevant toll has been paid, or
- (b) the driver has been directed:
 - (i) by a direction given by an authorised officer under clause 32, or
 - (ii) by a direction contained in a notice displayed in accordance with clause 33,to drive the vehicle past the toll collection point even though the relevant toll has not been paid, or
- (c) the driver is permitted (either by arrangement with the toll operator or under an agreement entered into by a toll operator with respect to the tollway), to drive the vehicle past the toll collection point without paying the relevant toll.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (2) A direction referred to in subclause (1) (b) is (unless the toll operator otherwise directs) given subject to the condition that the driver of the motor vehicle pay the relevant toll to the toll operator within 7 days after the direction is given.
- (3) A person to whom a direction referred to in subclause (1) (b) is given (being a direction that is given subject to the condition referred to in subclause (2)) must not fail to pay the relevant toll in accordance with the condition.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

23 Manner of payment of toll

- (1) A toll must be paid:
 - (a) by the payment to an authorised officer at the toll collection point of a sum of money equivalent to the amount of the toll, or
 - (b) by the placement in the coin receptacle of an automatic toll collecting machine at the toll collection point of one or more coins totalling the amount of the toll, or
 - (c) by the delivery to an authorised officer at the toll collection point of a voucher (in or to the effect of the form approved by the relevant toll operator) that indicates that the owner of the vehicle has paid to that toll operator, or has undertaken to pay to that toll operator, an amount equivalent to the amount of the toll, or
 - (d) in respect of a lane to which an electronic toll sign applies:
 - (i) by means of an electronic device that indicates, or causes an indication, that the owner of the vehicle has paid to the toll operator an amount equivalent to the amount of any toll payable, or

(ii) by payment in accordance with any of paragraphs (a)-(c) unless it is clearly indicated that payment may not be made in that lane in the relevant manner.

(2) A person must not pay a toll by paying to an authorised officer any money that is enclosed in a container, package or receptacle of any kind.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

(3) A person must not pay a toll by placing in the coin receptacle of an automatic toll collecting machine:

- (a) any money that is enclosed in a container, package or receptacle of any kind, or
- (b) any coin other than a coin of a denomination that is indicated on the machine as a denomination of coin that the machine is designed to accept.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

23A Toll collection: offences

(1) A person must not, without reasonable excuse, tamper or otherwise interfere with:

- (a) any electronic device, or
- (b) any equipment used in connection with the collection of a toll (such as a sensor unit, an electronic boom gate or automatic toll collecting machine), or
- (c) any part of such a device or equipment.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

(2) A person must not pay or attempt to pay a toll with respect to a motor vehicle by use of a voucher or device:

- (a) that is not acceptable to the relevant toll operator for the payment of the toll, or
- (b) that is issued by a toll operator for the payment of the toll with respect to a class of motor vehicles to which that vehicle does not belong.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

23B Objections in relation to payment of toll

(1) A person who has paid a toll, or who is required to pay a toll, under this Part may object to:

- (a) the imposition of the toll, or
- (b) the amount of toll imposed,

if the person is of the opinion that he or she is not liable for the toll (or the full amount

of the toll) imposed.

(2) An objection referred to in subclause (1) must:

- (a) be in writing addressed to the toll operator, and
- (b) if a toll was paid or a direction given as referred to in clause 22 (2)—state the approximate time and date when, and the location on the tollway where, the toll was paid or the direction given, and
- (c) if the objector received a notification as referred to in paragraph (i) or (j)—set out the toll collection point, lane and direction of travel specified in that notification, and
- (d) set out the grounds of the objection, and
- (e) be signed by the objector, and
- (f) if the toll was paid otherwise than by means of an electronic device—be made within 14 days after the payment of the toll, and
- (g) if the toll was paid by means of an electronic device—be made within 14 days after receipt by the objector of a statement from a toll operator indicating:
 - (i) that the toll was paid, and
 - (ii) the amount of the toll paid, and
- (h) if a direction was given under clause 22 (1) (b) (i)—be made within 7 days after the direction was given, and
- (i) if a direction was given under clause 22 (1) (b) (ii)—be made within 7 days after the objector received in the post notification that a vehicle owned by the person was detected proceeding past a toll collection point without paying the relevant toll, and
- (j) in any other case in which the objector received in the post notification that a vehicle owned by the person was detected proceeding past a toll collection point without paying the relevant toll—be made within 7 days after the objector received the notification.

(3) A toll operator may deal with an objection by:

- (a) reimbursing to the objector all or part of the toll, or waiving payment of all or part of the toll, the subject of the objection, or
- (b) dismissing the objection.

(4) An objection under subclause (2) is not invalid merely because all the requirements of

that subclause are not met but, in that case, the toll operator:

- (a) may, within 7 days after receiving the objection, require the objector to provide such further information in relation to the objection as is specified by the toll operator, and
 - (b) must deal with the objection, and notify the objector of the decision on the objection, within 7 days after the further information is received by the toll operator.
- (5) Unless the objector is required to provide further information under subclause (4), the toll operator must, within 7 days after receiving an objection under this clause, notify the objector of the decision on the objection.
- (6) A notification under this clause must:
- (a) be in writing, and
 - (b) state that the objector may apply for a review of the decision as referred to in clause 23C.

23C Review of decision on objection

- (1) If the objector is not satisfied with the decision of the toll operator, he or she may apply in writing, within 14 days after receiving notification of the decision, for a review of the decision:
- (a) if the original objection was made to the RTA—to the Minister, or
 - (b) if the original objection was made to a toll operator other than the RTA—to an assessor (being a person, or a person belonging to a class of persons, nominated by the toll operator and approved by the RTA) who agrees to act as such.
- (2) The Minister, or the assessor, as the case requires, is not obliged to review a decision if the objector does not include copies of the original objection and the decision of the toll operator when applying for the review.
- (3) On receiving an application for review, the Minister or the assessor, as the case requires, must:
- (a) confirm or reverse the decision of the toll operator with respect to the original objection within 21 days after receiving the application, and
 - (b) notify the applicant in writing of that decision.
- (4) The Minister, or the assessor, as the case requires, may require the toll operator who made the original decision to supply such information, within the time specified by the Minister or assessor, as may reasonably assist the Minister or assessor in reviewing the decision.

- (5) The Minister may appoint a person to exercise the Minister's functions under subclause (3) and a function so exercised is taken to be exercised by the Minister.

23D Security indicators: section 250A (2) (b) of Act

For the purposes of section 250A (2) (b) of the Act, an identifier consisting of a series of 48 characters that is an individual combination of letters, numbers and symbols that has been produced by an MD5 algorithm and that is imposed on a photograph at the time the photograph is taken is prescribed as a security indicator.

23E Divulging of information by prescribed persons: section 250A (5) (e) of Act

The following persons are prescribed for the purpose of section 250A (5) (e) of the Act:

- (a) the Minister,
- (b) a public sector agency, within the meaning of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

24 Maximum penalty for not paying charge

If a charge payable for the use of a tollway by a motor vehicle is not paid to the toll operator on demand and within the time specified in the demand, the owner of the vehicle is guilty of an offence.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

Division 2 Use of tollways

25 Vehicles to use carriageways

- (1) A person must not drive a motor vehicle on any part of a tollway other than a carriageway.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) This clause does not prohibit a person from doing such things as are necessary to enable the person to comply with the requirements of clause 29.

26 Pedestrians to use footways and footbridges

- (1) A pedestrian must not go onto any part of a tollway other than a footway or footbridge.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) This clause does not prohibit a person from doing such things as are necessary to enable the person to comply with the requirements of clause 29.

27 Leaving motor vehicles unattended

- (1) A person who is in charge of a motor vehicle that is situated on a tollway must not leave the vehicle unattended.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

- (2) This clause does not prohibit a person from doing such things as are necessary to enable the person to comply with the requirements of clause 29.

28 Unloading of motor vehicles

A person must not load or unload a motor vehicle on or from any portion of a tollway or its carriageway otherwise than in accordance with a direction given by an authorised officer under clause 32.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

29 Breakdowns

The driver of a motor vehicle that breaks down while travelling along a tollway must not fail to take all reasonable steps to ensure that:

- (a) the vehicle is parked off the carriageway of the tollway, and
- (b) adequate measures (such as warning signs and warning lights) are employed to ensure that the vehicle does not constitute a hazard to other motor vehicles, and
- (c) the vehicle is removed from the tollway as soon as practicable.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

30 Straying animals

A person who is in charge of an animal must not allow the animal to stray onto any part of a tollway.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

Division 3 Miscellaneous

31 Application of sections 101 and 102 and Division 3 of Part 9 of the Act

- (1) The following provisions of the Act apply to and in respect of a tollway under the control and management of the RTA in the same way as they apply to and in respect of a public road:
 - (a) section 101 (restoration of public road following excavation etc),
 - (b) section 102 (liability for damage to public road),

- (c) Division 3 of Part 9 (which regulates the erection of structures and the carrying out of works on public roads),
 - (d) such other provisions of the Act as are ancillary to the operation of the provisions referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c).
- (2) In their application to and in respect of a tollway:
- (a) a reference in those provisions to a public road is taken to be a reference to the tollway, and
 - (b) a reference in those provisions to a roads authority is taken to be a reference to the RTA.

32 Directions by authorised officers

- (1) An authorised officer may give directions with respect to:
- (a) the regulation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic on a tollway, and
 - (b) the safety of a tollway and of persons and property on the tollway.
- (2) A person must not contravene a lawful direction given to the person under this clause.
Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

33 Directions by notice

- (1) The RTA may display notices containing directions with respect to:
- (a) the regulation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic on a tollway, or
 - (b) the safety of a tollway and of persons and property on the tollway.
- (2) Such a notice does not have effect unless:
- (a) it is prominently displayed on or in the vicinity of that part of the tollway to which it is intended to apply, and
 - (b) the directions contained in it are clearly legible to those persons to whom it is intended to apply.
- (3) A person must not contravene a lawful direction contained in a notice displayed in accordance with this clause.
Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

34 Exemptions

This Part does not apply to:

- (a) a police officer, or

(b) an authorised officer,

in the exercise of a function as a police officer or authorised officer.

35 Application of Part to Sydney Harbour Bridge

This Part (except clause 31) applies to and in respect of the Sydney Harbour Bridge in the same way as it applies to and in respect of a tollway, and so applies as if a toll or charge for using the Sydney Harbour Bridge were a toll or charge for using a tollway.

35A Exempt vehicles

The following vehicles are exempt from liability to pay a toll:

- (a) in the case of the Sydney Harbour Bridge—a class of vehicle described in Item 2, 3 or 4 of Schedule 1 to any order from time to time in force under section 215 of the Act,
- (b) in the case of any tollway declared to be a tollway by an order in force under section 52 of the Act—marked police vehicles, unmarked police vehicles displaying a flashing light or sounding an alarm, fire brigade vehicles and ambulances.

Part 4 Bridges

Division 1 General

36 Extension of Part to ancillary works and structures

This Part extends to a work or structure that is ancillary to a bridge (such as an approach to a bridge) as if it were part of the bridge.

37 Stability of bridges

A person must not do anything that endangers the stability of a bridge.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

38 Climbing on bridges

A person must not:

- (a) climb on any part of a bridge, or
- (b) remain on the moving span of a bridge while it is closed to traffic.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

39 Lighting fires

A person must not light, maintain or use a fire on, under or in the immediate vicinity of a bridge.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

40 Throwing or dropping things from bridges

A person must not throw or drop anything from a bridge.

Maximum penalty: 30 penalty units.

41 Fishing from bridges

- (1) A roads authority may prohibit fishing from a bridge, or any part of a bridge, by means of notices conspicuously displayed on or adjacent to the bridge.
- (2) A person must not fish from a bridge in contravention of any such notice.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

42 Control of traffic on opening bridges

- (1) A roads authority or bridge operator may give such directions as appear necessary for the regulation of traffic in relation to the opening and closing of the bridge.
- (2) A person must not contravene a lawful direction given to the person under this clause.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

43 Cyclists to use cycleways on Sydney Harbour Bridge

A person must not ride a bicycle on any part of the Sydney Harbour Bridge other than a cycleway.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

44 Regulation of commercial activities on Sydney Harbour Bridge and ANZAC Bridge

- (1) A person must not, on the Sydney Harbour Bridge or on the ANZAC Bridge:
 - (a) sell or hire any goods, or offer any goods for sale or hire, or
 - (b) provide or offer to provide any services for fee, gain or reward, or
 - (c) conduct or participate in any entertainment or exhibition (whether or not for fee, gain or reward), or
 - (d) conduct or participate in any public assembly or public procession, or
 - (e) display any advertisement (otherwise than on a vehicle travelling across the Bridge) or distribute any advertising matter,

otherwise than under and in accordance with a permit issued by the RTA.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (2) This clause does not affect the operation of Part 4 (Public Assemblies) of the *Summary Offences Act 1988*.

45 Exemptions

A roads authority may, either unconditionally or subject to conditions, exempt any person or class of persons in writing from the operation of any provision or provisions of this Division.

Division 2 Navigation through bridges generally

46 Mooring of floating vessel

A person must not moor any vessel, or make fast any floating timber, to a bridge.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

47 Navigation generally

- (1) The master of a vessel must not cause or allow the vessel:

- (a) to exceed 4 knots while passing through or under a bridge, or
- (b) to pass through or under a bridge except under power or on tow, or
- (c) to tow another vessel through or under a bridge while travelling with the tide, or
- (d) to pass through or under a bridge abreast of another vessel.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) In the case of a bridge for which a particular speed limit is fixed under the *Maritime Services Act 1935* or the *Marine Safety Act 1998*, the reference in subclause (1) (a) to 4 knots is taken to be a reference to the speed limit so fixed.

- (3) In this clause, a reference to a vessel on tow includes a reference to a vessel (such as a barge or lighter) that is being pushed by another vessel.

Division 3 Navigation through opening bridges

48 Navigation lights for opening bridges

A bridge operator must ensure that the following navigation lights are displayed to vessels approaching the bridge from either direction:

- (a) a green light to indicate the starboard hand of the channel,
- (b) a red light to indicate the port hand of the channel.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

49 Signals for use for opening bridges

- (1) The **request acknowledged** signal to be displayed by a bridge operator to acknowledge a request to open the bridge for a vessel is as follows:
 - (a) between sunrise and sunset, a red semaphore arm, a red flag or a red light,
 - (b) between sunset and sunrise, a red light.
- (2) The **bridge open** signal to be displayed by a bridge operator to indicate that the bridge is open for vessels to pass through is as follows:
 - (a) between sunrise and sunset, a green semaphore arm, a green flag or a green light,
 - (b) between sunset and sunrise, a green light.

50 Signals to be given by vessels

- (1) The **request open bridge** signal for a vessel that requires a bridge to be opened is to be given as follows:
 - (a) between sunrise and sunset, by 3 long blasts on the vessel's siren or whistle,
 - (b) between sunset and sunrise, by written notice given to the bridge operator.
- (2) A written notice referred to in subclause (1) (b):
 - (a) must be given to the bridge operator at least 15 minutes (or, if the Waterways Authority has determined a longer period for a particular bridge, that longer period) before the vessel is ready to pass through, and
 - (b) must state the approximate time when the bridge is required to be opened.
- (3) The **ready to pass through** signal for a vessel that is ready to pass through an open bridge is to be given by one long blast, followed by one short blast, on the vessel's siren or whistle.

51 Passing through opening bridges

- (1) The master of the vessel must not cause or allow the vessel to approach within 100 metres (or, if the Waterways Authority has determined a greater distance for a particular bridge, that greater distance) of the bridge until the **bridge open** signal is given.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) After a bridge has been opened to allow a vessel to pass through, the master of the vessel:
 - (a) must give the bridge operator the **ready to pass through** signal, and

(b) after doing so, must take the vessel through the bridge without delay.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (3) If the vessel is not ready to pass through the bridge within 15 minutes after the bridge is opened, the bridge operator:
- (a) may replace the **bridge open** signal with the **request acknowledged** signal, and
 - (b) after doing so, may close the bridge.

Part 5 Ferries

Division 1 General

52 Time-tables

- (1) A roads authority:
- (a) may fix a time-table for any ferry under its control, and
 - (b) may determine the maximum capacity of the ferry, and
 - (c) may restrict or prohibit the use of the ferry for the carriage of stock or heavy vehicles between 10 pm and 6 am.
- (2) The roads authority must ensure that the ferry is operated:
- (a) at the times displayed in the time-table for the ferry, or
 - (b) if no time-table is fixed for the ferry, at any time its use is demanded.
- (3) However, the ferry is not required to operate during adverse weather, if to do so would risk loss of life or property, or during any period while the ferry is closed as referred to in clause 54.

53 Ferries to have notice-boards

- (1) The roads authority must cause a notice to be conspicuously displayed at each part of the road from which access to the ferry is gained.
- (2) The notice must contain the following particulars:
- (a) the name of the ferry,
 - (b) the ferry operator's name,
 - (c) the time-table for the ferry (if any),
 - (d) the charges (if any) that are payable for use of the ferry,

(e) the maximum capacity of the ferry,

(f) the restrictions or prohibitions (if any) that apply to the use of the ferry for the carriage of stock or heavy vehicles between 10 pm and 6 am.

(3) A person must not damage, deface or destroy a notice displayed in accordance with this clause.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

54 Temporary ferry closures

(1) The roads authority may temporarily close a ferry for any reason (such as unavailability of a ferry operator or loss or damage to the ferry) that the roads authority considers necessary.

(2) While the ferry is closed, the roads authority must cause notice of the closure:

(a) to be conspicuously displayed at each part of the road from which access to the ferry is gained, and

(b) to be published in a local newspaper.

Division 2 Conduct of ferry passengers

55 Passengers to pay ferry charges

A person must not use a ferry for which a charge is payable unless the charge has been paid.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

56 Passengers to board ferries only with ferry operator's permission

A person must not board a ferry until allowed to do so by the ferry operator.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

57 Animals and vehicles to board ferries only on ferry operator's instructions

A person must not drive a vehicle or animal towards a ferry beyond any sign displaying the word "STOP" on or in the vicinity of the ferry until the person is allowed to do so by the ferry operator.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

58 Regulation of commercial activities

(1) A person must not, on a ferry:

(a) sell or hire any goods, or offer any goods for sale or hire, or

- (b) provide or offer to provide any services for fee, gain or reward, or
- (c) conduct or participate in any entertainment or exhibition (whether or not for fee, gain or reward).

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (2) This clause does not affect the operation of Part 4 (Public Assemblies) of the *Summary Offences Act 1988*.

59 Confusing lights not to be displayed

- (1) A ferry operator may direct a person in charge of a vehicle to extinguish any light on the vehicle if satisfied that the light:

- (a) is likely to be mistaken for the navigation light of a ship, or
- (b) is likely to interfere with the safe operation of the ferry.

- (2) A person must not fail to comply with a lawful direction given to the person under this clause.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

60 Passengers on foot to use only areas set aside for them

A foot passenger must not occupy any portion of a ferry set apart for vehicles or animals if special accommodation for foot passengers exists on the ferry.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

61 General offences

A person must not:

- (a) obstruct or interfere with a ferry, or
- (b) obstruct a ferry operator, or
- (c) obstruct any person boarding or leaving a ferry, or
- (d) leave unattended on a ferry any vehicle or animal that is under the person's control, or
- (e) open any container of petrol or other inflammable spirit or oil, or strike a match or expose a naked light on a ferry, except in connection with the working of the ferry, or
- (f) smoke on a ferry, or
- (g) move onto or occupy a position on the flap of a ferry while the ferry is in motion, or before permission to embark or disembark has been signified by the ferry operator.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

62 Control of traffic on ferries

- (1) A ferry operator may give such directions as the ferry operator considers necessary for the regulation of traffic in relation to the operation of the ferry.
- (2) In particular, the operator of a ferry may direct any passenger to leave the ferry, or to remove any vehicle, animal or goods from the ferry, if satisfied that it is necessary to do so for the safe operation of the ferry.
- (3) A person must not contravene any lawful direction given to the person under this clause.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (4) A ferry operator may refuse to operate the ferry while any direction under this clause is not complied with.

Division 3 Safety equipment and procedures

63 Gates and exits

- (1) While a ferry is in motion, the ferry operator must keep all gates and exits from the ferry securely closed.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

- (2) The ferry operator must cause the ferry to be securely moored and the gates adjusted before allowing any person, vehicle or animal to board the ferry.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

64 Emergency boats

The roads authority must equip each ferry under its control with a serviceable boat that is properly equipped.

65 Ferry approaches

The roads authority must ensure that the approaches to the ferry are sufficiently lit during darkness to ensure the safety and convenience of ferry passengers.

66 Ferries to be inspected

- (1) A roads authority must inspect each ferry under its control, hull dry, at intervals of not more than 12 months.
- (2) With the approval of the Waterways Authority given in respect of a particular ferry, the roads authority may instead inspect the ferry, hull afloat, at intervals of not more

than 3 months.

Part 6 Public gates

67 Consent of adjoining landowner to be obtained

An application for a public gate permit that is made by a person who owns land on one side only of the road across which the proposed public gate is to be erected must be accompanied by the written consent of the owner or owners of the land on the other side of the road.

68 Notice inviting objections

Before determining an application for a public gate permit, the roads authority:

- (a) must cause notice of the proposal to erect a public gate (including particulars as to the proposed location of the gate) to be published in a local newspaper, and
- (b) must allow sufficient time (being not less than 28 days from the date of publication of the notice) for written submissions on the proposal to be made to the roads authority, and
- (c) must have due regard to any written submissions on the proposal that are made to the roads authority within that time.

69 Maintenance of public gates

The holder of a public gate permit must ensure that:

- (a) the gate is white, and
- (b) the posts on either side of the gate are fitted with reflectors facing along the road in each direction.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

70 Road near gate

The holder of a public gate permit must ensure that the road approaches to the gate are maintained in good condition for such distance (not exceeding 20 metres) from each side of the gate, and for such width, as the roads authority may determine when granting the permit.

Maximum penalty: 10 penalty units.

Part 7 Miscellaneous

71 Transfer of application for the closing of a public road

- (1) For the purposes of section 34 (2) of the Act, the manner in which an application for

the closing of a public road is to be transferred is as follows:

- (a) it must be in writing,
 - (b) it must specify the full name, address and telephone number (if any) of the proposed transferor and proposed transferee,
 - (c) it must state that the transferor assigns to the proposed transferee the whole of the transferor's interest in the application, and in any money or other property lodged with the Minister in connection with the application,
 - (d) it should specify any application number, and any Departmental reference for the application or any correspondence relating to the application,
 - (e) it must be signed by the proposed transferor and the proposed transferee,
 - (f) it must be accompanied by a diagram or description that is sufficient to identify the road to which the application relates,
 - (g) it must be lodged at an office of the Department of Land and Water Conservation.
- (2) The transfer takes effect when it is received at an office of the Department of Land and Water Conservation, as referred to in subclause (1) (g).
- (3) In this clause, **transferor** means the original applicant or any person to whom the application is transferred in accordance with this clause.

72 Authority to enter land

- (1) For the purposes of section 172 (2) (f) of the Act, officers of the Department of Land and Water Conservation who hold positions referred to in Schedule 3A or 3B to the [Public Sector Management Act 1988](#) are a prescribed class of officers in relation to certificates of authority issued by the Minister for Land and Water Conservation.
- (2) For the purposes of section 172 (2) (f) of the Act, officers of the RTA who hold the position of Director are a prescribed class of officers in relation to certificates of authority issued by the RTA.

73 Transfer of application for the acquisition of land for the purposes of a public road

- (1) For the purposes of section 182 (2) of the Act, the manner in which an application for the acquisition of land for the purposes of a public road is to be transferred is as follows:
 - (a) it must be in writing,
 - (b) it must specify the full name, address and telephone number (if any) of the proposed transferor and proposed transferee,

- (c) it must state that the proposed transferor assigns to the proposed transferee the whole of the transferor's interest in the application, and in any money or other property lodged with the Minister in connection with the application,
 - (d) it should specify any application number, and any Departmental reference for the application or any correspondence relating to the application,
 - (e) it must be signed by the proposed transferor and the proposed transferee,
 - (f) it must be accompanied by a diagram or description that is sufficient to identify the land to which the application relates,
 - (g) it must be lodged at an office of the Department of Land and Water Conservation.
- (2) The transfer takes effect when it is received at an office of the Department of Land and Water Conservation as referred to in subclause (1) (g).
- (3) In this clause, **transferor** means the original applicant or any person to whom the application is transferred in accordance with this clause.

74 Penalty notices

For the purposes of section 243 of the Act:

- (a) an offence created by a provision of this Regulation specified in Column 1 of Schedule 1 is a prescribed offence, and
- (b) the amount specified in Column 2 of that Schedule for such an offence is the prescribed penalty payable under section 243 of the Act for that offence.

75 (Repealed)

76 Evidentiary certificates

- (1) Any officer of the Department of Land and Water Conservation who holds a position referred to in Schedule 3A or 3B to the *Public Sector Management Act 1988* is a prescribed person, in relation to evidentiary certificates issued on behalf of the Minister for Land and Water Conservation, for the purposes of section 248 (1), (2) and (4) of the Act.
- (2) Any officer of the RTA who is authorised by the RTA to issue evidentiary certificates for the purposes of section 248 (1), (2) or (4) of the Act, or of a particular paragraph of any of those subsections, is prescribed for the purposes of that subsection or paragraph.
- (3) For the purposes of section 248 (1), (2) and (4) of the Act, the general manager of a council of a local government area is a prescribed person in relation to the issue of evidentiary certificates or certified copies of records, maps or plans kept by the council.

77 Authorised officer

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of **authorised officer** in the Dictionary to the Act, the following classes of persons are prescribed:
 - (a) in respect of a reserve within the meaning of Part 5 of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*:
 - (i) a member or employee of the trust board for the reserve trust, or
 - (ii) an employee of a corporation appointed to manage the affairs of that trust, or
 - (iii) an administrator appointed to manage the affairs of that trust,
 - (b) in respect of a common within the meaning of the *Commons Management Act 1989*:
 - (i) a member or employee of the trust board for the trust for the common, or
 - (ii) an employee of a local authority appointed to manage the affairs of that trust, or
 - (iii) an administrator appointed to manage the affairs of that trust,
 - (c) in respect of a state recreation area within the meaning of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*:
 - (i) a member or employee of the trust board for the state recreation area, or
 - (ii) an administrator appointed to manage the affairs of that trust,
 - (d) in respect of any land proposed to be used for a public road—a contractor engaged by the RTA to carry out inspections or investigations relating to any one or more of the following:
 - (i) ascertainment of the physical features or conditions of the land,
 - (ii) determination of whether the land is suitable for use as a road,
 - (iii) determination of any environmental, economic, cultural, social or other impact of the proposed use of the land.
 - (e) in respect of a tollway or the Sydney Harbour Bridge—an employee or agent of a toll operator.
- (2) An authorised officer referred to in subclause (1) (e) may exercise a function only if the authorised officer:
 - (a) wears a uniform issued by the toll operator, or
 - (b) wears an identity card, issued by the toll operator, that is clearly visible.

78 Public authorities

- (1) For the purposes of the definition of **public authority** in the Dictionary to the Act, Hunter Water Corporation is prescribed as a public authority for the purposes of the Act.
- (2) For the purposes of the definition of **public authority** in the Dictionary to the Act, Sydney Water Corporation is prescribed as a public authority for the purposes of the Act.
- (3) For the purposes of the definition of **public authority** in the Dictionary to the Act, an energy services corporation within the meaning of the [Energy Services Corporations Act 1995](#) is prescribed as a public authority for the purposes of the Act.
- (4) For the purposes of the definition of **public authority** in the Dictionary to the Act, Rail Access Corporation is prescribed as a public authority for the purposes of the Act.

79 Roads authority for public roads forming part of the proposed M5 East Motorway

The RTA is declared to be the roads authority for all public roads within the area shaded brown and shown as Lots 1-20 on the 4 sheets of the plan marked "RTA Plan No 6005 386 SS 0357" and held at the Client Services Directorate of the RTA at Level 2, 83 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown.

79A Roads authority for public roads (Cross City Tunnel project)

The RTA is declared to be the roads authority for the following public roads:

- (a) the public road shown as Lot 6 on the plan marked "Plan No. 6010 412 SS 0006" and held at the Client Services Directorate of the RTA at Level 2, 83 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown (that public road being part of Bathurst Street between Day Street and George Street, Sydney),
- (b) the public road shown as Lot 7 on the plan marked "Plan No. 6010 412 SS 0006" and held at the Client Services Directorate of the RTA at Level 2, 83 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown (that public road being approximately 85 metres of Day Street south of the prolongation of the northern side of Bathurst Street, Darling Harbour).

80 Savings provision

Any act, matter or thing that, immediately before the repeal of the *Roads (General) Regulation 1994*, had effect under that Regulation is taken to have effect under this Regulation.

Schedule 1 Penalty notice offences

(Clause 74)

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