

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by Authority of the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government

Subject - *Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Repeal Act 2009*

Proclamation

Subsection 2 (1) of the *Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Repeal Act 2009* (the Act) specified that Schedule 1 to the Act commences on a day to be fixed by Proclamation. However, if any of the provisions of Schedule 1 do not commence within six months of the date the Act receives royal assent, then those provisions commence on the first day after the end of that six month period. The Act received royal assent on 8 October 2009.

The proclamation fixed 5 April 2010 as the day on which Schedule 1 to the Act was commenced, to give effect to repeal of the Act.

The repeal of the Act removed the legislative barrier to the ACT implementing the new dangerous goods model legislation, and the updated 7th edition of the Australian Dangerous Goods Code, within their legislative framework in the same manner as the other States and Territories.

The proclamation is a legislative instrument for the purpose of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

The minute recommended that the proclamation be made in the form proposed.

Authority: Subsection 2(1) of the *Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Repeal Act 2009*