

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

PURSUANT to sections 152 and 155(a) and (b) of the Land Transport Act 1998, and after having had regard to the criteria specified in section 164(2) of that Act

I, Michael Woodhouse, Associate Minister of Transport,

HEREBY make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Amendment (No 2) 2013

SIGNED AT Wellington

This day of 2013

Michael Woodbease

Associate Minister of Transport

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Objective of the Rule

Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Amendment (No 2) 2013 (the amendment Rule) amends Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Rule). The Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Rule Sets in place a regulatory regime, so that heavy vehicles, in particular, truck and trailer combinations, can operate safely.

The objective of the amendment Rule is to clarify that overdimension vehicles exceeding 3.1 metres in width may travel on a section of the Auckland Southern Motorway where alternative routes are not available to them.

Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, amendments proposed to the Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Rule and eight other Land Transport Rules were combined into a single Rule, *Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2013* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule). Following consultation, the provisions in the Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into nine separate amendment Rules, including this Rule.

The NZ Transport Agency sent details of the amendment proposals by letter or email to approximately 2400 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the Rules to be amended. The Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available through the NZ Transport Agency's Contact Centre and, together with Questions and Answers, was also made available on the NZ Transport Agency's website. The availability of the amendment proposals for comment was publicised in the daily newspapers in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin and in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

The NZ Transport Agency received 22 submissions on the Omnibus Amendment Rule, of which nine commented on the proposed amendment to the Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Rule.

The submissions received were taken into account in finalising this amendment Rule following which it was submitted to the Associate Minister of Transport for signing.

Section 1 Application

1.1 Title

This Rule is Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass Amendment (No 2) 2013.

1.2 Commencement

This Rule comes into force on 1 January 2014.

1.3 Scope of Rule

This Rule amends Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2002.

Section 2 Amendment to Schedules

2.1 Amendment to Schedule 7

In *Schedule 7*, item relating to 'Auckland Motorways', replace *paragraph (a)* with:

"(a) Loads that exceed 3.1 m in width or 4.25 m in height, or both, are permitted to travel on State Highway 1 between Ramarama Interchange (Ararimu Road Underpass) and the southern end of the Auckland Southern Motorway."