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Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

NOTICE OF DECISION

Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Regulations 2006

I, Rob Hulls, MP, Minister for Industrial Relations, and Minister responsible for administering the **Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Act 2005**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** as follows:

The principal objective of the Regulations is to improve the relationship between owner drivers and their hirers and forestry contractors and their hirers. The specific objectives of the Regulations are to:

- prescribe certain persons not to be contractors for the purpose of the Act or regulations, being persons (or corporations) who carry on a business of transporting goods using four or more vehicles supplied by that person or corporation;
- prescribe the Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Code of Practice for the purposes of regulating the relationship between owner drivers (that is, persons who contract to transport goods in a vehicle) and persons who hire them and forestry contractors (that is, harvesting or haulage contractors of forest products) and persons who hire them;
- set out the mandatory requirements which owner drivers and their hirers and forestry contractors and their hirers must comply with;
- promote fair and equitable business relationships between owner drivers and their hirers and forestry contractors and their hirers;
- provide guidance to the transport and forestry industries on conduct which may be unconscionable; and
- provide guidance to owner drivers and their hirers and forestry contractors and their hirers on contract terms which may be unjust.

The proposed Owner Drivers and Forestry Contractors Regulations 2006 and Regulatory Impact Statement have been advertised for public comment.

One submission on the proposed Regulations was received. I have considered the submission and decided that the proposed Regulations should be made without amendment.

ROB HULLS, MP
Minister for Industrial Relations

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