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ROAD SAFETY (ROAD RULES) REGULATIONS 1999 ROAD RULES – VICTORIA

Allowing Drivers of Accident Tow Trucks to use the Emergency Stopping Lanes on Freeways

Road Rule 95(2) of Road Rules – Victoria provides that the Roads Corporation may by written consent allow the driver of a vehicle to drive in an emergency stopping lane, which would otherwise be prohibited under Road Rule 95(1) of Road Rules – Victoria.

In accordance with that Rule, the Roads Corporation hereby allows the drivers of accident tow trucks to drive accident tow trucks in emergency stopping lanes on freeways subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the driver must comply with **Transport Act 1983**, the **Road Safety Act 1986**, and the **Accident Towing Services Act 2007** and any regulations, codes of practice, rules or standards made under those Acts; and
- (ii) the driver must comply with the requirements of any licence or permit issued in relation to the operation of the relevant accident tow truck, including any permit issued under Part 5 of the Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 1999; and
- (iii) the driver must only travel in emergency stopping lanes on freeways –
 - (a) for the purpose of accessing an accident scene or other incident on a freeway to remove or tow damaged or disabled vehicles from that freeway; and
 - (b) only at times when driving in other lanes is not possible due to congestion or obstruction; and
- (iv) when travelling in an emergency stopping lane, the driver of the accident tow truck must:
 - i. activate the vehicle's yellow flashing or rotating warning lights; and
 - ii. travel at a speed not exceeding 40 km/h; and
 - iii. provide clear passage to emergency vehicles at all times.

For the purposes of this Notice:

accident tow truck means –

- (a) an accident tow truck within the meaning of section 86(1) of the **Transport Act 1983** (tow trucks specified in an accident towing licence within the meaning of section 172B of that Act); or
- (b) a heavy accident tow truck (within the meaning of section 86(1) of the **Transport Act 1983**) that is specified in a heavy accident tow truck towing licence within the meaning of section 172A of that Act; or
- (c) a licensed (heavy) tow truck within the meaning of section 3(1) of the **Accident Towing Services Act 2007**; or
- (d) a licensed (regular) tow truck within the meaning of section 3(1) of the **Accident Towing Services Act 2007**.

This Notice operates from the date of its publication in the Government Gazette until 31 July 2010, unless sooner revoked.

Nothing in this Notice authorises the driving of an accident tow truck in a manner that may cause an unreasonable risk to the safety of any person or property.

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