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SIGNPOSTING OF TRUCK PARKING AREAS AND BUS PARKING AREAS ON FREEWAYS/MOTORWAYS

INTRODUCTION

On 22nd October 2010, the *Road Amendment (Exemptions for Stopping and Being on Freeways) Rules 2010* were promulgated under the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999*. These new *Rules* will require signposting changes to current and future truck and bus parking facilities on Freeways and Motorways.

BACKGROUND

At present there are a number of truck parking areas and at least one bus parking area in use on Freeways or Motorways. These parking areas are provided adjacent to the carriageway within the Freeway or Motorway reserve to either assist with the operation of the public transport network or to assist heavy vehicle operators in meeting their commitments under fatigue Legislation.

In accordance with the previous version of *Rule 177* and *Rule 229* in *Road Rules 2008*, buses or trucks were not permitted to stop on or adjacent to Freeways or Motorways and pedestrians were not permitted on Freeways or Motorways. Therefore, exemptions in *Road Rules 2008* have now been provided for certain classes of vehicles and persons on Freeways or Motorways.

PRACTICE

All existing and future truck parking areas and bus parking areas on Freeways or Motorways, where it is intended to allow parking, must be signposted at the entry and exit to the areas, using the signs shown in this Technical Direction.

Distribution List:

Director, Infrastructure Services; Director, Commercial Services; Director, NSW Centre for Road Safety; Traffic Management and Road Safety staff; and Project and Asset Managers.

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SIGNS

The following diagrams illustrate the 'BUS PARKING AREA' (R5-552) and 'TRUCK PARKING AREA' (R5-553) sign configurations. Refer to the *RTA 'Signs Register'* for design and specification details.



R5-552
Figure 1



R5-553
Figure 2



R5-552 + R7-4
Figure 3



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Figure 4

DEFINITIONS

bus parking area means an area with:

- (a) a permissive parking sign on each road into the area on which appears the words “Bus parking area only”, and
- (b) a permissive parking sign on each road out of the area that indicates the end of the bus parking area.

truck parking area means an area with:

- (a) a permissive parking sign on each road into the area on which appears the words “Truck parking area only”, and
- (b) a permissive parking sign on each road out of the area that indicates the end of the truck parking area.

freeway (motorway) means:

a length of road to which a *freeway (motorway) sign* applies.

ACTION

All existing and future Bus Parking Areas and Truck Parking Areas on Freeways and Motorways, where it is intended to allow parking, must be signposted with permissive parking signs in accordance with this *Technical Direction*.

If specific site conditions preclude compliance with this *Technical Direction*, then advice must be sought from Traffic Management Branch via the email address shown at the foot of the first page of this *Technical Direction*.

UPDATES

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www.rta.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/guidelines/documentregister/index.html

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