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## ROAD TRANSPORT ACT 2013

**Ministerial (Farm Fire-Fighting Vehicles Exemption) Order 2023**

I, Jenny Aitchison, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, pursuant to section 19(1) of the *Road Transport Act 2013*, make the following Order.



Jenny Aitchison  
Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

Dated this 20th day of December 2023

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**Part 1 – Administrative****1 Citation**

This Order is the *Ministerial (Farm Fire-Fighting Vehicles Exemption) Order 2023*.

**2 Commencement**

This Order takes effect on and from the date of its publication in the NSW Government Gazette.

**3 Effect**

This Order remains in effect until 31 March 2024 unless revoked earlier.

**4 Interpretation**

Words and expressions used in this Order have the same meaning as in road transport legislation, unless otherwise stated.

**5 Definitions**

In this Order:

**Emergency fire-fighting incident** means an emergency due to an actual or imminent occurrence of a bush fire which—

- (a) endangers, or threatens to endanger, the safety or health of persons or animals, or
- (b) destroys or damages, or threatens to destroy or damage, property, or
- (c) causes a failure of, or a significant disruption to, an essential service or infrastructure.

**Farm Fire-Fighting Vehicle ('FFFV')** means any vehicle, including a trailer, with fire-fighting equipment permanently attached to the vehicle.

**FFFV nomination form** means the form submitted to Transport for NSW ('TfNSW') for participation in the FFFV Trial.

**FFFV Trial** means the trial scheme established by TfNSW for the exemption in this Order.

**Fire-fighting equipment** means equipment used for or in connection with the prevention or suppression of fire or the protection of life or property in case of fire.

## Part 2 – Exemption Details

### 6 Road Transport Legislation Exemption

Subject to the conditions at clause 7 of this Order, persons driving or using an FFFV on road and road-related areas are exempt from section 68(1) of the *Road Transport Act 2013* and section 60(1)(b)(i) of the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2017* when responding to or returning from emergency fire-fighting incidents.

### 7 Conditions

7.1. FFFVs are equipped with fully functioning indicators and brake lights.

7.2. Unless the FFFV is a trailer, the FFFV is also equipped with fully functioning:

- (a) mirrors, including a rear vision mirror, driver's side mirror and passenger's side mirror, and
- (b) headlights, and
- (c) seatbelts in the seating positions for the driver and passengers that are conveyed in the vehicle.

7.3. The FFFV is nominated as part of the FFFV Trial and has been declared as suitable for safe use and in a thoroughly serviceable condition by completion and submission of a FFFV nomination form to TfNSW.

7.4. Persons driving or using the FFFV produce to NSW Police or an Authorised Officer a copy of the completed TfNSW FFFV nomination form and notification from TfNSW that the vehicle has been accepted into the FFFV if requested.

7.5. The FFFV is only used or driven within a 100km radius of the storage address where the FFFV is normally kept, as stated on the FFFV nomination form.

7.6. The FFFV does not display a number plate.

**Explanatory Note**

This Order authorises unregistered vehicles to be used on NSW roads during emergency bush fire incidents for the 2023-2024 fire season.

Pursuant to section 20 of the *Road Transport Act 2013*, the Minister for Better Regulation and Fair Trading has been consulted.