

Amendment to the Townsville to Palm Island Ferry Service Contract Area

Delegated Decision

As a delegate of the Director-General, I have decided that:

Pursuant to section 42 of the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Act 1994* (TOPTA) and section 24AA of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, the wording of the Townsville to Palm Island route is to be amended in accordance with the wording of the Declaration Notice (Attachment 1) with effect from 9 August 2018.

I have considered the submissions received from SeaLink, as the only affected operator, in relation to the proposed declaration and have taken this submission into account in making this decision.

Pursuant to section 42(1) of TOPTA, I am satisfied that market entry restrictions continue to apply to the route service under section 36 of TOPTA and Schedule 1 of the *Transport Operations (Passenger Transport) Regulation 2005*. In particular, I note that routes between Townsville and Palm Island specifically meet the test of market entry as provided by Schedule 1 of the Regulation.

I authorise the publication of the Declaration Notice on the Department of Transport and Main Roads website to give effect to the amendment.

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