TOLL TRANSITIONS

TRANSPORTATION OF ELECTRIC AND HYBRID VEHICLES

Customer information for Defence relocations

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Hybrid and electric vehicles cannot be transported by sea to or from the affected locations listed below

BACKGROUND

Transportation restrictions on Lithium-ion batteries have been implemented following changes to mandatory global logistics laws. Airlines, shipping networks, insurance firms, and governments are clamping down to stop what has become a major safety issue.

Lithium-ion batteries used in EVs and Hybrid vehicles present a potential fire risk if they are damaged, defective or exposed to adverse conditions. The maritime environment presents additional challenges because a battery fire can be difficult to access, isolate and suppress. An incident may also affect other cargo, vessel operations and personnel. These risks have led carriers to restrict the maritime transportation of EV and Hybrid vehicles.

Toll has been advised by maritime freight providers servicing remote Defence locations, that Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (EVs) are now subject to **Dangerous Goods** restrictions due to the fire risks associated with their lithium-ion battery systems.

All providers have advised that, **effective immediately, Hybrid and EV vehicles cannot be transported by sea**. This restriction directly affects the inclusion of these vehicle types in Defence relocations to or from the affected locations.

IMPACTED LOCATIONS INCLUDE

- **Thursday Island**
- **Weipa**
- **Nhulunbuy**
- **Norfolk Island**
- **Cocos Island**
- **Christmas Island**

Note: EV and Hybrid vehicles are currently still able to travel on the Spirit of Tasmania.

WHAT MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW

Before including a Hybrid or EV in a Defence relocation to or from an impacted location, discuss available options and timing with Toll Transitions.

Contact Toll Transitions on 1800 819 167 for further clarification.