

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

### **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

#### ***TRADING HOURS ACT 1996***

#### **Instrument NO. 66 OF 1997**

The *Trading Hours Act 1996* (the Act) regulates the trading hours of large supermarkets in town centres within the Australian Capital Territory.

The Act places no restriction on the trading hours of shops generally, enabling them to trade at any time of the day on any day of the year.

Under Section 6(1) of the Act, the Minister may, by instrument, specify the periods of time during which large supermarkets (as defined) may be open to the public for the purposes of trading. Section 6(2) provides that any such instrument is a disallowable instrument. A disallowable instrument must be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

The instrument provides a variation or extension in the hours which a large supermarket in the town centres may be open to the public for the purposes of trading on Thursday 24 April 1997. The specified trading hours for a large supermarket on that day are:

7.00 am until 10.00 pm.

The instrument accompanies this Explanatory Statement.