

**1996**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**DETERMINATION OF A PLACE TO BE A SPORTS BETTING VENUE**

**NO. 251 OF 1996**

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Minister for Sport and Recreation

## **Outline**

The *Bookmakers Act 1985* (the Act) governs the activities of bookmakers in the Australian Capital Territory

Part IIIA of the Act provides for the conduct and control of sports betting. In particular, section 39B (1) of the Act provides that the Minister may determine a place to be a sports betting venue

This instrument identifies an area of the ground floor of the exhibition hall at the National Convention Centre to be a sports betting venue. This approval is in force between 1 and 3 November 1996 only.

A Sports Expo is being held at the National Convention Centre between 1 and 3 November 1996. A licensed sports betting operator in the ACT has accepted an offer to be an exhibitor at the Expo and as part of their stand they would like to conduct sports betting business as a way of exposing their services to the public.

## **Financial Implications**

The direct financial implications from this instrument are not expected to be significant. It is not anticipated that large turnover levels will be achieved as a direct result of this approval. Rather, it is anticipated that potential clients will be made aware of the existence of the sports betting service.

Sports betting turnover reached \$14.7m in 1995-96 with approximately \$140,000 in Government revenue achieved.