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**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985**

**NO. 33 OF 1996**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**DETERMINATION OF DIRECTIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF A SPORTS  
BETTING VENUE**

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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, the legislation empowers the Minister to determine a place to be a sports betting venue.

Section 39B (2) of the Act provides that the Minister may determine directions for the operation of a determined sports betting venue

This instrument varies the operational framework for the conduct of the sports betting service within the sports betting venue located in the forecourt area, between the rear of the Mal Meninga Stand and the main entrance of the Bruce Outdoor Stadium, to be a sports betting venue

In particular, the instrument sets the operating times for sports betting bookmakers on 20 April 1996, 12 May 1996 and 3 June 1996. For the first two dates, the ACT Brumbies play the home games in the international Super 12 Rugby Union competition. The third date relates to the scheduled international Rugby Union match between the ACT and Wales

Determination No. 18 of 1996, published in Gazette No S43 of 14 March 1996 set the directions for the operation of a sports betting venue at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium. The earlier Determination set the time of betting to be 15 March 1996 only. This Determination provides for sports betting for licensed sports bookmakers to be available at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium on 20 April 1996, 12 May 1996 and 3 June 1996.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications from this instrument. This instrument sets the overall operating framework for the sports betting service at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium. The establishment of which is expected to provide increased levels of turnover for the operators, resulting in enhanced returns to the Government

The provision of a sports betting service by bookmakers at live sporting events will provide a unique addition to the services available at Bruce Stadium and represent a valuable opportunity for sports betting bookmakers to promote their services to clients.

The ACT Rugby Union has indicated its willingness to permit sports betting bookmakers to operate at these fixtures.