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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

GAMING MACHINE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1998

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Summary

The Gaming Machine (Amendment) Bill 1998 amends the *Gaming Machine Act 1987* to prohibit the acquisition, installation or operation of gaming machines in the buildings and precinct of Canberra Airport

Regulations to the Commonwealth *Airports Act 1996* provide for the total prohibition of gaming activities at Canberra Airport, whether involving the use of a machine or otherwise

This Bill does not propose to prohibit “soft gaming products” within the Canberra Airport - such as instant scratch lottery tickets, lotto, raffles and art unions, but ensures consistent Government regulation of the Territory’s gaming machines and maintains Australia wide standards in the levels of gambling activities at Australian airports

The *Unlawful Games Act 1984* already prohibits a range of gaming activity in the ACT including lotteries and pool betting schemes that are not approved by the *Lotteries Act 1964* and the *Pool Betting Act 1964* and other games of skill or chance, while casino type of activities are prohibited under the Casino Development Agreement (this provides exclusivity for the Canberra Casino in the ACT for a period of 20 years expiring in 2012)

Financial implications

This measure has no significant financial implications It has no additional regulatory or financial implications for ACT businesses

Details of the Bill are attached



Details of the Gaming Machine (Amendment) Bill 1998

Title

Clause 1 provides for the short title for this Act to be the Gaming Machine (Amendment) Act 1998

Commencement

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of this Act on 1 July 1998

Principal Act

Clause 3 refers to the Principal Act being amended as the Gaming Machine Act 1987

Insertion

Clause 4 - Before Section 62 of the Principal Act the following section is inserted in part VIII

"61 Canberra Airport"

Subsection (1) to provide that a gaming machine licence may not be granted in relation to premises at the Canberra Airport,

Subsection (2) to provide that an approval may not be granted under section 36 of the Principal Act to acquire a gaming machine that is to be operated at the Canberra Airport, and

Subsection (3) defines the Canberra Airport precinct for the purposes of this Act

