THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE ACT 1989

DRUGS OF DEPENDENCE REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

Subordinate Law No. of 1996

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

The *Drugs of Dependence Act 1989* (the Act) controls the manufacture and sale of drugs of dependence and prohibited substances.

The Drugs of Dependence Regulations list drugs of dependence in Schedule 1, prohibited substances in Schedule 2, and drugs of dependence whose manufacture is controlled by provisions in the Act in Schedule 3.

Schedules 1 and 2 specify for each drug a traffickable quantity and a commercial quantity.

The purpose of the Drugs of Dependence Regulations (Amendment) is to add 4-Hydroxy-butanoic acid to the list of prohibited substances in the interests of public safety and to specify the traffickable and commercial quantities for 4-Hydroxy-butanoic acid.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Regulations have no revenue or cost implications.