

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

COMMONWEALTH MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES ORDINANCE 1972

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Under the Commonwealth Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance 1955-1970, the Minister may authorise the placing of a sign on a route taken by an omnibus for the purpose of establishing a stopping place. The proposed Commonwealth Motor Omnibus Services Ordinance 1972 will enable the Minister, in authorising such a sign, to direct that it indicate the service or services in relation to which the stopping place may be utilized.

The proposed amendment will facilitate traffic flow, especially on routes which are subject to heavy traffic during peak hours, by restricting the use of stopping places along those routes. Passengers or intending passengers may not be set down or picked up at a stopping place if the service on which the omnibus is engaged is not one which is indicated on the sign at the stopping place.

A stopping place at which there is a sign which does not indicate the service or services for which the stopping place may be utilized will continue to operate as a stopping place for all omnibus services along that route.

It will be necessary to make consequential amendments of the Commonwealth Motor Omnibus Services Regulations to provide that the driver of an omnibus shall stop the omnibus only at a stopping place which is a stopping place in relation to the service on which the omnibus is engaged.