

**2001**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**DETERMINATION OF EVENTS TO BE A SPORTS BETTING EVENT**

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## **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 Commission to determine events that sports betting may take place on.

Section 39A (1) of the Act provides that the Commission may determine a sporting event to be a sports betting event for the purpose of the Act.

A new American Football League has commenced through a joint venture between the American television broadcaster NBC and World Wrestling Federation Entertainment. The new code, called XFL, is a professional football competition aimed primarily at a television audience.

This instrument adds the XFL football league to the American Football events already approved under the rules of Sports Betting.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications associated with the Instrument.