

**2000**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**DETERMINATION OF A PLACE TO BE A SPORTS BETTING VENUE**

**INSTRUMENT NO. 300 OF 2000**

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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 ACT Gambling and Racing Commission to determine a place to be a sports betting venue.

Section 39B (1) of the Act provides that the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission may determine a place to be a sports betting venue.

This instrument identifies an area known as the Bicentennial Room on the first floor of the Members Grandstand at the Canberra Racecourse, Block 2, Division of Lyneham to be a sports betting venue.

The area identified in the schedule attached to the instrument has been refurbished to accommodate one sports betting operator due to the space restrictions currently experienced in the Sports Betting Auditorium located on the ground floor of the Acton Stand. The refurbished area provides a functional and co-ordinated racing and sports betting auditorium.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications from this instrument. The introduction of sports betting has provided increased levels of revenue to the Government and has resulted in an increase in economic activity through the establishment of new business and the creation of a number of new jobs within the Territory.

The growing accommodation requirements of the sports betting operators signifies the potential business opportunities and economic activity available through the establishment of a first class sports betting service in the ACT.