

INSTRUMENT NO. 297 OF 2000

Explanatory Statement

Olympic Events Security Act 2000

Declaration No.1 of 2000

This Declaration applies the provisions of the *Olympic Events Security Act 2000* (the Act) to the Olympic Football Tournament games to be held at Bruce Stadium as part of the Sydney 2000 Olympic. The declaration is a disallowable instrument.

Clause 1 explains that the events to which the declaration applies are listed in Schedule A.

Clause 2 explains when the declaration will be in force. The relevant period is 12 September 2000 to 25 September. Access to the Bruce Stadium will be controlled during this period for security reasons.

Clause 3 sets out the statutory conditions of entry which will apply to the events covered by the declaration. Section 7 of the Act enables a declaration to specify particular conditions of entry to Olympic events. A person attending the event must comply with any statutory conditions of entry. The Act contains offences relating to breaches of the statutory conditions. The statutory conditions listed in clause 3 require persons entering or within the Olympic venue to undergo searches, if requested, and prohibit persons bringing certain items, known as "prohibited items" into the Olympic venue.

Clause 4 explains that the times and dates of the Olympic events to which the declaration applies are listed in Schedule A and that Schedule B contains a list of the prohibited items. Clause 4 also contains a formal description of the location of the Olympic venue for the events. This formal description of the Bruce Stadium and surrounds is necessary to ensure that there is legal certainty as to the area which is covered by the declaration. The formal description covers the whole of the area within which the Australian Federal Police will conduct security operations for the events and exercise powers under the Act.

Clause 5 explains that there are restricted areas within the Olympic venue. These are areas, such as the players' changing room and officials' boxes, to which members of the public will be denied access. Under the Act, it is an offence to enter or remain in a restricted area without authorisation.