

**1997**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**DETERMINATION OF DIRECTIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF A SPORTS  
BETTING VENUE**

**NO. 76 OF 1997**

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**Minister for Sport and Recreation**

## **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 Minister to determine a place to be a sports betting venue.

Section 39B (2) of the Act provides that the Minister may determine directions for the operation of a determined sports betting venue.

This instrument varies the operational framework for the conduct of the sports betting service within the sports betting venue located at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium.

In particular, this instrument varies the operational framework established by Instrument No. 48 of 1997, notified in Special Gazette No. S 64 of 7 March 1997, by providing for sports betting on the Super League Tri-Series game to be played at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium.

On the evening of 14 May 1997, NSW will play New Zealand at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium in the third Tri-Series game. The hirers of the Stadium have indicated their willingness to permit licensed sports bookmakers to operate on the game.

## **Financial Implications**

This Instrument varies the overall operating framework for the sports betting service at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium by permitting sports betting at this particular game.

The betting trends over 1997 have been positive with increasing interest being shown by patrons and increasing number of tickets being written.

The provision of sports betting service at this Tri-Series game will maintain the range and level of services to which patrons at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium have become accustomed.