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BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

DETERMINATION OF A PLACE TO BE A SPORTS BETTING VENUE

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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 (1) of the Act provides that the Minister may determine a place to be a sports betting venue.

By Determination No. 32 of 1996 published in the Gazette No. S72 of 19 April 1996 the forecourt, between the main grandstand and the main entrance into the Bruce Outdoor Stadium was also determined as an approved sports betting venue. This location provides access to the services of a sports bookmaker to the patrons entering the stadium through the main entrance.

This Instrument determines an area at the southern end of the Bruce Outdoor Stadium, between the Hill Stand and the concession booths at the southern outer ground area to be a sports betting venue. This location has been selected to provide access to the services of a sports bookmaker to the patrons entering the stadium through the eastern entrance.

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.