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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

**DETERMINATION OF DIRECTIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF 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 (2) of the Act provides that the Minister may determine directions for the operation of a determined sports betting venue.

This instrument sets the operational framework for the conduct of the sports betting service within the sports betting venue located at the Casino Canberra.

The instrument sets out the -

- operating times that licensed sports betting bookmakers may accept face-to-face bets on 5 November 1996,
- requirements that a licensed sports bookmaker or a licensed agent must be in attendance during the operating hours,
- restrictions on betting, and
- operational aspects including ticketing and reporting arrangements

In particular, the instrument sets the operating hours for the sports betting venue and requires that between the approved operating hours, a licensed sports bookmaker or licensed agent, must be in attendance. The instrument restricts the method of betting to face-to-face transactions only.

Furthermore, the instrument details the ticketing requirements, security guarantee and administrative arrangements for the sports betting bookmakers operating at the venue for the day.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications from this instrument. This instrument sets the overall operating framework for the sports betting service at Casino Canberra on 5 November 1996. The provision of which will enable sports bookmakers to market their services.

The provision of a sports betting service by bookmakers at various events has provided a valuable opportunity for sports betting bookmakers to promote their services to clients