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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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OUTLINE

The Adult Entertainment and Restricted Material Bill 2000 intends to confine the adult entertainment and restricted material industry to the industrial suburbs of Fyshwick, Mitchell and Hume.

Presently premises which provide adult entertainment are only restricted to the industrial suburbs if they hold a liquor licence. Premises are permitted to provide adult entertainment outside these areas if they choose to operate without a liquor licence. This Bill aims to remove this anomaly.

The Bill also provides that premises, of which a major use is the sale of restricted material, must not sell restricted material except for in Fyshwick, Mitchell and Hume.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no associated costs arising from this Bill.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clauses 1, 2 and 3 are formal clauses setting out the short title of the Act, providing for the commencement of its provisions and establishing the dictionary for the Act.

Clause 4 explains what adult entertainment is.

Clause 5 explains what restricted material is.

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Clause 6 prohibits adult entertainment at premises that are a public place. It also sets out the maximum penalty for such offences which fall into line with the penalty for showing restricted classification films under the Classifications (Publications, Films and Computer Games) (Enforcement) Act 1995.

Clause 7 prohibits the sale of restricted material at or from a premises of which the sale of restricted material is a major use. It also sets out the penalty for such offences.

Clause 8 exempts premises that are located in Fyshwick, Mitchell or Hume from Clauses 6 and 7.