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Subordinate Law No. 11 of 2001

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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PURPOSE

The intention of the amendment is to declare areas as prescribed public places in accordance with subsection 139(5) of the Liquor Act 1975 in respect of certain skateboard parks. The effect is to make it an offence to either consume liquor in these prescribed public places or to possess an open container of liquor in the prescribed public places with the intention of consuming it in those prescribed public places.

BACKGROUND

The ACT Bureau of Sport and Recreation in the Department of Education and Community Services was approached by an number of community groups, traders and the AFP requesting that the areas in the vicinity of the skateboard parks be declared as "dry areas" under the Act.

The request arose due to an increased level of consumption of liquor and anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of a number of the parks. The skateboard park in Civic was declared a "dry area" previously and the declaration has proven successful in reducing the problem of alcohol related anti-social behaviour in the area of the skateboard park.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

Subregulation (4) of regulation 11 is repealed. The regulation also creates a new subregulation 12 that prescribes the areas in Belconnen, Tuggeranong, Gungahlin and Weston that are dry areas under the regulation. The regulation also inserts a new schedule 2 that contains maps of each of the prescribed areas.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil