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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Firearms Act 1996

**Firearms Regulations (Amendment)
No. 1 of 1999**

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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FIREARMS REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT) NO. 1 OF 1999

Section 126 of the *Firearms Act 1996* (the Act) provides that the Executive may make Regulations for the purposes of the Act.

Section 43(a)(ii) of the Act provides that the regulations may prescribe a purpose for which the possession or use of a firearm will be temporarily authorised for a person who is a resident of a State or another Territory visiting the ACT and who is the holder of an equivalent of a category A, category B or category H licence issued under the law in force in that State or other Territory. Schedule 2 of the *Firearms Act 1996* includes air guns as firearms to which a category A licence applies.

Regulation 10A of the Firearms Regulations (the Regulations) currently provides for the recognition of interstate (category A) licences specifically for the non-ACT resident operators of air gun shooting galleries operating for the duration of the 1998 Royal Canberra Show and the 1998 Canberra Day festivities.

The Firearms (Regulations) Amendment repeals Regulation 10A of the Regulations and substitutes a new Regulation 10A which authorises the possession and use of air guns by interstate operators of air gun shooting galleries who hold an appropriate interstate licence for the duration of the 1999 Royal Canberra Show and the 1999 Canberra National Multicultural Festival.

Members of the ACT public who use air guns at air gun shooting galleries are able to use such air guns by virtue of paragraph 6(2)(c) of the Act.

The regulation has no financial implications. It will commence on gazettal.