AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

PUBLIC HEALTH (EATING HOUSES) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No. 26 of 1988

The Public Health (Eating Houses) Regulations (Amendment) amends the Public Health (Eating Houses) Regulations made under the Public Health Ordinance 1928.

The amendment is consequential to the Dog Control (Amendment) Ordinance 1988 which provides in Part IVA for the access to public places by a blind or deaf person accompanied by his or her dog.

Details of the Regulations are set out below:

Regulation 1 provides that the Regulations are to commence on the date of commencement of the Dog Control (Amendment) Ordinance 1988.

Regulation 2 amends regulation 18 of the Public Health (Eating Houses) Regulations by inserting in subregulation (2) "or a hearing dog accompanying a deaf person" after "blind person" and by adding subregulation (3) which provides that the terms blind person, deaf person, guide dog and hearing dog have the same respective meanings as in the Dog Control Ordinance 1975. The effect of the amendments is to require a proprietor of an eating house to allow a guide or hearing dog into the dining room or kitchen when the dog is accompanying a blind or deaf person.

ISSUED BY AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE ARTS AND TERRITORIES