

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

### PUBLIC HEALTH (PROHIBITED DRUGS) REGULATIONS

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Recently the World Health Organisation recommended that member nations should prohibit the sale, use, possession and manufacture of the drug, heroin. The State Governments have been asked to comply with this recommendation and some have already passed the necessary legislation.

The Public Health (Prohibited Drugs) Ordinance gives power to make regulations declaring drugs or substances containing drugs to be prohibited drugs.

The attached regulation gives effect to the recommendation of the World Health Organisation in the Australian Capital Territory.