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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT BILL 2015

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of this Bill is to amend the *Holidays Act 1958* to provide that Easter Sunday is a public holiday in its own right.

This amendment is a response to increased community concern that Easter is a significant and protracted holiday period akin to Christmas and New Year's Day, and it is important that public holiday entitlements be afforded to workers during these periods.

Human Rights Considerations

No provisions in this Bill engage rights under the *Human Rights Act 2004*.

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Detail

Clause 1 - Name of Act

This clause names the short title of the Act. The name of the Act will be the *Holidays Amendment Act 2015*.

Clause 2 - Commencement

This is a clause setting out when commencement of the Act will occur. It is intended that the Act commence on the day after its notification.

Clause 3 - Legislation amended

This clause identifies the legislation amended by the Act. This Act amends the *Holidays Act 1958*.

Section 3 - Public holidays

Clause 4 – New section 3 (1) (a) (va)

This clause inserts a new section to provide that Easter Sunday is a public holiday of general observation in the ACT.