

Australian Capital Territory

Domestic Animals (Exercise Areas) Declaration 2015 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2015 – 336

made under the

Domestic Animals Act 2000, s 40 (Declaration—exercise areas)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 40 of the *Domestic Animals Act 2000* (the Act) permits the Minister to declare an area of land or water to be an exercise area for all or stated animals. Dog exercise areas are also known as ‘off-leash areas’ and they allow the keeper or carer of a dog to exercise the dog without it being restrained by a leash, which would otherwise be an offence against section 44 of the Act. The declaration of an exercise area is made by disallowable instrument.

Following a public consultation process in 2014, the existing dog exercise areas have been reviewed. This instrument is the result of that review. Important changes to dog exercise areas in the ACT made by this instrument include:

- Areas to change from off-leash to conditional: Kippax district playing fields, Holt; Ainsworth Neighbourhood Park, Mawson
- Areas to change from on-leash to off-leash: William Slim Drive pedestrian parkland, Lawson; Duffy street pedestrian parkland, Ainslie.

Declared dog exercise areas may be viewed on the ACTMAPi website located at www.actmapi.act.gov.au.

This instrument revokes the *Domestic Animals (Dog Control) Declaration 2005 (No 1)* (DI2005-198).