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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

**DETERMINATION OF DIRECTIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF A SPORTS
BETTING VENUE**

INSTRUMENT NO. 51 OF 2000

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Chairman, ACT Gambling and Racing Commission

This instrument varies Determination No.50 of 1999, made pursuant to Section 39B(2) of the Bookmakers Act 1985 and notified in Gazette No.S15 of 17 March 1999, to allow sports betting bookmakers to provide for betting at Bruce Stadium for the home games of the Canberra Cosmos Soccer team.

Furthermore, this Instrument allows sports betting bookmakers to use thermal ticket printers for bets that will be determined on the same day that the betting ticket is issued.

Existing arrangements prohibit the use of thermal ticket printers by sports betting bookmakers in the approved sports betting venue. This requirement ensures that clients of sports betting bookmakers who have placed bets on long-term contingencies are protected from ticket information fading over time.

This Instrument allows sports betting bookmakers to use thermal ticket printers for bets that will be determined on the same day. This change will improve the sports betting service to clients without compromising consumer protection. Existing arrangements are creating inefficiencies and delays with tickets having to be written manually and re-keyed into a sports betting bookmaker's computer system. The existing arrangements also increase the likelihood of errors occurring in the remittance of turnover tax to the Territory due to the duplication required in the recording of bets.

The Commission noted that in making these variations a number of existing determinations remained in place relating to events, venues, the rules of licence holders and that it would be carrying out a review of those existing arrangements.