Australian Capital Territory

Rules for Sports Bookmaking Determination 2003 (No. 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2003-284

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001* (the Act) governs the activities of bookmakers in the Australian Capital Territory.

Part 3 of the Act provides for the conduct and control of sports bookmaking. In particular, the legislation empowers the Commission to determine rules for sports bookmaking.

Section 23(1) of the Act provides that the Commission may determine rules for sports bookmaking for the purpose of the Act.

This instrument revokes determination DI2003-36 and replaces it with this determination. In addition, this instrument changes the fixed odds rules applying to the three codes of racing with respect to withdrawn runners from a race. DI2003-36 provided that all thoroughbred racing bets made prior to the day of the race are play or pay when the bet is made and no refund is to be given should a horse fail to come under starter's orders. This new determination provides for refunds to be made in respect of withdrawals in all three codes of racing, contingent upon certain conditions, and allows licensees to make payments on non-withdrawn winners or place getters, in accordance with the Scale of Deductions set out in the Rules of Betting applicable in the Australian Capital Territory.