

Major Events (Floriade 2026) Declaration 2026

Disallowable instrument DI2026-188

made under the

Major Events Act 2014, section 6 (Major event – declaration)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Major Events (Floriade 2026) Declaration 2026*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is notified.

3 Declaration of major event—Act, subsections 6 (1) and s 7 (1) (a)

Floriade 2026 to be held in the Commonwealth Park from 12 September to 11 October 2026 is declared as a major event.

4 Event organiser—Act, subsection 7 (1) (b)

The organiser of the major event is the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate, ACT Government.

5 Proposed time and date—Act, subsection 7 (1) (c)

The proposed times and dates for the major event are:

- (a) 9:30am to 5:00pm on Saturday 12 September to Sunday 11 October 2026;
- (b) 6:30pm to 10:30pm on Thursday 1 October to Sunday 4 October 2026.

6 Event venue—Act, subsection 7 (1) (d)

The location of the venue for the major event is the grounds, including any buildings situated on the grounds, specified in schedule 1.

7 When declaration is in force—Act, subsection 7 (1) (e)

This declaration is in force for the period –

- (a) 12 September to 11 October 2026.

8 Notice given under other provisions—Act, subsections s 26 (1), s 32 (1) and s 39 (1)

Notice will not be given under the following provisions for this declaration:

- (a) s 26 (Notice of protected symbol);
- (b) s 32 (Notice of clean zone);
- (c) s 39 (Notice of protection of ticketing arrangements).

9 Exclusion of prohibited item—Act, subsection 12 (1) (a)

The following items are excluded from the meaning of *prohibited item* for the major event declaration:

- (a) alcohol;
- (b) a drug of dependence or prohibited substance;
- (c) petrol;
- (d) a fire extinguisher;
- (e) paint stored in a container of any kind;
- (f) a loud hailer, megaphone or any other device that can amplify the human voice;
- (g) broadcast equipment or any device that may interfere with broadcast equipment authorised by the event organiser to be used in the event venue;
- (h) a whistle, horn or bugle or a similar thing likely to be used to interfere with the event;
- (i) a flag that is longer or wider than 900mm;
- (j) an egg or ball;
- (k) an animal, other than—
 - (A) if a person is accompanied by an assistance animal—the animal; or
 - (B) a police dog, police horse or other animal used for the management of the event; or
 - (C) an animal competing or participating in the event;

10 Expiry

This instrument expires on 12 October 2026.

Tara Cheyne MLA
Attorney-General
14 August 2026

Andrew Barr MLA
Chief Minister
14 August 2026

Schedule 1

(See section 6)

The location of the major event are the grounds highlighted in red within the Commonwealth Park, ACT 2601.

The event boundary does not include surrounding or nearby public carpark areas.

