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INSTRUMENT

NO. 74 OF 1996

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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

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Minister for Sport and Recreation

Outline

The *Bookmakers Act 1985* (the Act) governs the activities of bookmakers in the Australian Capital Territory.

Part IIIA of the Act provides for the conduct and control of sports betting. In particular, the legislation empowers the Minister to determine a place to be a sports betting venue.

Section 39B (2) of the Act provides that the Minister may determine directions for the operation of a determined sports betting venue

This instrument varies the approved operating times for the conduct of the sports betting service at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium

Determination No. 33 of 1996, published in Gazette No S72 of 19 April 1996 set the times of sports betting at Bruce Stadium to be 20 April 1996, 12 May 1996 and 3 June 1996

The June date related to the scheduled international tour match between the ACT Brumbies and Wales. In finalising the tour schedule, it has now been confirmed that the match will be played on Sunday 2 June 1996.

In order to properly provide for sports betting to be conducted at the approved sports betting venue on the ACT Brumbies/Wales international rugby union match, this instrument varies the Determination No 33 of 1996 by deleting 3 June 1996 and inserting 2 June 1996 to be the permitted date for licensed sports bookmakers to operate at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications from this instrument. The provision of a sports betting service by bookmakers at live sporting events has enhanced the range of services available to patrons of Bruce Stadium. The sports betting operators have confirmed an encouraging level of interest from patrons.