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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985

No. 182 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 operational framework for the conduct of the sports betting service within the sports betting venues located at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium.

In particular, the instrument sets the operating times for sports betting bookmakers on 11 and 23 August 1996 for the Canberra Raiders remaining two home games in the 1996 season

Determination No 18 of 1996, notified in Gazette No S43 of 14 March 1996 and Determination No 33 of 1996, notified in Gazette No S72 of 19 April 1996, set the directions for the operation of a sports betting venue at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium

This Determination provides for sports betting for licensed sports bookmakers to be available at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium on 11 and 23 August 1996

Betting at these matches will conclude the trial of sports betting at Bruce Outdoor Stadium. The level of interest from patrons has been encouraging with the number of bets increasing each match. The parties will review the effectiveness of this trial in the off-season.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications from this instrument. This instrument sets the overall operating framework for the sports betting service at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium. The establishment of which is expected to provide increased levels of turnover for the operators, resulting in enhanced returns to the Government.

The provision of a sports betting service by bookmakers at live sporting events has provided a unique addition to the services available at Bruce Stadium and has been well received by patrons and sports betting bookmakers