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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**ROAD TRANSPORT (SAFETY AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT)
REGULATIONS 2000**

APPROVAL OF BICYCLE HELMETS FOR BICYCLE RIDERS

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The Australian Road Rules are incorporated into the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Regulations 2000 (the Regulations). Rule 256 of the Australian Road Rules states that the rider of a bicycle must wear an “approved bicycle helmet securely fitted and fastened to the rider’s head”.

Regulation 66 (a) of the Regulations provides that the Road Transport Authority may approve a protective helmet for bicycle riders.

This instrument revokes the previous approval of protective helmets for bicycle riders and inserts an additional manufacturing standard Snell B95 as contained in the Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Bicycle Helmets) Regulations 2001.

The approval of bicycle helmets manufactured to Snell Standards B-95 will allow ACT retailers to sell helmets that meet the Snell standard without risking breaching the misleading and deceptive or warranties provisions of the Trade Practices Act.