

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
TRADING HOURS ACT 1996
SPECIFIED TRADING HOURS

Instrument No. 282 OF 1996

The *Trading Hours Act 1996* regulates the trading hours of large supermarkets in town centres within the Australian Capital Territory

It places no restriction on the trading hours of shops generally, enabling them to trade at any time of the day on any day of the year

Under Section 6(1) of the Act, the Minister may, by instrument, specify the periods of time during which large supermarkets (as defined) may be open to the public for the purposes of trading. Section 6(2) provides that any such instrument is a disallowable instrument. A disallowable instrument must be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

The instrument, in this case a Gazette notice, provides a variation or extension in the hours during which a large supermarket may trade over the Christmas period 1996, from commencement of business on 16 December 1996 until close of business on 31 December 1996. The specified trading hours for a large supermarket during that period are:

Monday to Friday	7 00 am to 10 00 pm,
Saturday	7 00 am to 8 00 pm; and
Sunday	7 00 am to 8 00 pm

The instrument (Gazette notice) accompanies this Explanatory Statement.