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**AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

Firearms Act 1996

Firearms Regulations (Amendment) No. 5 of 1998

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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FIREARMS REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT) NO. 5 OF 1998

Section 126 of the *Firearms Act 1996* provides that the Executive may make Regulations for the purposes of the Act. Section 43(a)(ii) provides that the regulations may prescribe a purpose for which the possession or use of a firearm will be temporarily authorised for a person who is a resident of a State or another Territory visiting the ACT who is the holder of an equivalent of a category A, category B or category H licence issued under the law in force in that State or other Territory.

Schedule 2 of the *Firearms Act 1996* includes air guns under a category A licence. The *Firearms Regulations (Amendment)* provides for the recognition of interstate (category A) licences specifically for the non-ACT resident operators of air gun shooting galleries operating at the Royal Canberra Show of 20-22 February 1998 and the Canberra Day festivities of 7-16 March 1998.

In order to comply with the spirit of the caretaker convention not to create legislation which would bind a future government, this regulation is intended as an interim measure to authorise the possession and use of air guns at the two events specified. It is proposed that amendments to the *Firearms Regulations* will subsequently be introduced to recognise such licences automatically.

The regulations have no financial implications. They will commence on gazettal.