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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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PURPOSE

The intention of the amendment is to declare Fyshwick, Mitchell and Hume as prescribed locations in accordance with subsection 74(1) of the Liquor Act 1975 and to extend the restricted trading hours trial from 31 March 1997 to 30 June 1997.

BACKGROUND

In February 1997 the Legislative Assembly amended the Liquor Act 1975 to restrict the conduct of sexually explicit entertainment on licensed premises to premises in prescribed locations and to extend the restricted trading hours trial from 31 March 1997 to 30 June 1997.

The amendment to prevent the conduct of sexually explicit entertainment on licensed premises other than premises located in Fyshwick, Mitchell and Hume was introduced in support of the Government's policy to make Civic and other commercial and residential areas more attractive and safer places for the community. The restriction of sexually explicit entertainment to the prescribed areas is also consistent with the existing policies that apply to commercial brothels and the display for sale of videos with an X classification.

The amendment to extend the restricted trading hours trial was introduced to provide continuity in trading hours pending Government consideration of the consultant's evaluation report and a final decision to continue or cease trading hour restrictions.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

New regulation 10A declares Fyshwick, Mitchell and Hume to be prescribed locations for the purpose of subsection 74(1) of the Liquor Act 1975.

Regulation 4 of the Liquor Regulations (Amendment) is amended by omitting "31 March" and substituting "30 June" to provide that trading hour restrictions apply to 30 June 1997.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil