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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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PURPOSE

The intention of the amendment is to restrict the trading hours during which liquor can be sold for consumption on and away from licensed premises for a trial period commencing on 1 September 1996 and ending on 31 March 1997.

BACKGROUND

In March 1996 the Legislative Assembly amended the Liquor Act 1975 to give the Attorney-General the authority to limit liquor trading hours in the ACT, on a trial basis. The amendments were introduced to establish whether restricting liquor trading hours is an effective measure against alcohol-related anti-social behaviour in the late night entertainment areas of Canberra.

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

Clause (1) of the amendment sets the commencement date for the regulations as 1 September 1996.

Clause (2) provides that in these regulations reference to the "Principal Regulations" means the Liquor Regulations.

Clause (3) inserts the regulation 3A after regulation 3 in the Liquor Regulations.

Regulation 3A(1) provides that for General, On and Club licences liquor can be sold for consumption on the premises between the hours of midnight and 4.00am, and between 7.00am and midnight on any day.

Regulation 3A(2) provides that for General, Off and Club licences liquor can be sold for consumption away from the premises between the hours of midnight and 1.00am, and between 7.00am and midnight on any day.

Regulation 3A(3) provides that for Special licences liquor cannot be sold for consumption on the premises between the hours of 4.00am and 7.00am on any day, and liquor cannot be sold for consumption away from the premises between the hours of 1.00am and 7.00am.

Regulation 3A(4) provides that the regulation 3A does not apply to a minibar located in a room used for accommodation or Special Licence No. 005 held by Casino Canberra Limited. The exemption of the Casino from these regulations does not apply to the operation of the nightclub within the Casino. The nightclub will be prohibited from selling liquor between the hours of 4.00am and 7.00am by way of a condition attached to the licence.

Clause (4) of the amendment provides that regulation 3 has effect until the expiration of 31 March 1997.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil