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**Subordinate Law No. 44 of 1993**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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### PURPOSE

The intention of the amendment is to declare the areas in the immediate vicinity of Exhibition Park in Canberra EPIC (formally NATEX) north from the intersection of Northbourne Avenue with Morphett Street Dickson, to be prescribed public places for the purposes of Section 84(3) of the Liquor Act 1975. The effect of this is to make it an offence to consume liquor in these areas during the period specified.

### BACKGROUND

Summernats 6 was held from 30 December 1992 until 4 January 1993. The event generated wide spread community concern about the behaviour of spectators attracted to the area around EPIC.

Following a review of the arrangements and consultation with various interest groups, a number of measures are to be put in place to facilitate the effective management of future Summernats events, including scheduling Summernats from 27-30 December 1993 to avoid the New Years Eve period, reducing its scale to enable complete containment within EPIC, an end to the "Supercruise" and placing more emphasis on the "motor sport" nature of the event. A working group established to monitor the planning of the event to ensure the necessary changes are achieved recommended that the declaration of dry areas around EPIC during the period of Summernats would assist in achieving these objectives.

### DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

Sub-regulation 11(1) declares the areas specified in Sub-regulation (3) to be public places for the purposes of Sub-section 84(3) of the Act.

Sub-regulation 11(2) specifies the period beginning 12 noon Sunday 26 December 1993 and ending 12 noon Friday 31 December 1993, during which the regulation will apply.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Nil