THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Liquor Amendment Regulations 2004 (No 1)

Subordinate Law SL2004-42

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Outline

The intention of the amendment is to declare areas as prescribed public places in accordance with subsection 139(5) of the *Liquor Act 1975* for the purposes of Summernats 2005. The effect is to make it an offence to either consume liquor in those prescribed public places or to possess an open container of liquor in the prescribed public places with the intention of consuming it in those prescribed public places during Summernats 2005.

In addition, areas known as the Woden Town Park and Arabanoo Park, Phillip, are also being designated as dry areas on a permanent basis.

The regulation also removes a number of redundant declarations of dry areas within Civic.

Regulation Notes

Regulation 1 – Name of regulations – provides that the regulations are the Liquor Amendment Regulations 2004 (No 1).

Regulation 2 – Commencement – provides that the regulations commence on the day after their notification.

Regulation 3 – Legislation amended – provides that the regulations amend the Liquor Regulations 1979.

Regulation 4 – Regulation 11 – provides for the repeal and replacement of regulation 11 of the Liquor Regulations 1979 with a regulation that continues the declaration of dry areas for two car park areas on London Circuit, Civic. The effect of the amendment is to remove redundant regulations related to a dry area for the Food and Wine Festival in 2000 and car park areas within Civic which are now construction sites.

The regulation also, in regulation 11A, declares blocks 21, 23, 24, 34, 35, 36 of section 80 and blocks 6, 7, 9 and 11 of section 81 and block 2 of section 160 of Phillip to be prescribed public places (ie, "dry areas"). The declaration excludes property leased by the Woden Community Service Inc (operating the Woden Youth Centre) and by the Woden Early Childhood Centre Inc located within those blocks and sections.

Regulation 5 – Regulation 12 Heading – provides for a new heading for regulation 12 to better describe the purpose of the regulation.

Regulation 6 – Regulation 12(2) – provides for the renumber of the schedule to reflect the removal of the map associated with Food and Wine Festival in 2000 removed by regulation 4.

Regulation 7 – New regulation 12A – provides for the regulation of the dry area for the Summernats Car Festival in 2005. This regulation is the same as the previous regulation 11 other than for the addition of a further dry area covering block 467 in the Division of Gungahlin (the Northern Car Park of Exhibition Park in Canberra) and that the regulation applies for the period commencing from noon on 4 January 2005 until noon on 10 January 2005 which covers the period of Summernats 2005.

Regulation 8 – Schedule 1 – provides for the repeal of schedule 1 which contained the map of the map associated with Food and Wine Festival in 2000 removed by regulation 4.

Regulation 9 – Schedule 2 heading – provides for a new heading for schedule 2 to renumber it schedule 1.