

Australian Capital Territory

Race and Sports Bookmaking (Operation of Sports Bookmaking Venues) Direction 2005 (No 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2005—11

made under the

Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001, s 22 (Directions for operation of sports bookmaking venues)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001* (the Act) governs the activities of sports bookmakers in the Australian Capital Territory.

Part 3 of the Act provides for the conduct and control of sports bookmaking. In particular, section 22 of the Act provides that the Commission may give written directions for the operation of a sports bookmaking venue.

This Disallowable Instrument revokes direction DI2003-72 and provides a requirement for sports bookmakers to inform each person accessing its services that the sports bookmaker is prohibited from offering odds based upon totalisator dividends in relation to Australian racing events. Where a sports bookmaker offers markets in relation to Australian racing events via the Internet, the following information must be posted upon its website pages where such markets are offered:

“Please note, that sports bookmakers licensed in the Australian Capital Territory are prohibited from offering odds based upon totalisator dividends in relation to Australian racing events.”

“Australian racing event” is defined in the rules promulgated under section 23 of the Act to mean a thoroughbred racing, harness racing or greyhound racing event conducted with the sanction of an Australian racing controlling body.