

Australian Capital Territory

Directions for Operation of Sports Bookmaking Venues 2003 (No. 1)

Disallowable instrument DI2003—72

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 No. 263 of 2001 and provides directions for the operation of approved back-up facilities should the Sports Bookmaking Auditorium located at the Canberra Racecourse be rendered inoperable due to damage caused by fire, water, heat, storm or electrical or telecommunications failure.

This instrument also ensures that only a licensed race bookmaker, with approval from the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission to engage in race bookmaking at a designated sports bookmaking venue, or a licensed sports bookmaker, may take bets at a sports bookmaking venue. Furthermore, it ensures that sports bookmakers shall only take bets relating to determined sports bookmaking events and race bookmakers shall only take bets relating to races when operating at a sports bookmaking venue.

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