

**1999**

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**DETERMINATION OF A PLACE TO BE A SPORTS BETTING VENUE**

**INSTRUMENT NO. 49 OF 1999**

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**Chief Minister and Treasurer**

## **Outline**

The *Bookmakers Act 1985* (the Act) governs the activities of bookmakers in the Australian Capital Territory.

Part IIIA of the Act provides for the conduct and control of sports betting. In particular, the legislation empowers the Minister to determine a place to be a sports betting venue.

Section 39B (1) of the Act provides that the Minister may determine a place to be a sports betting venue.

This instrument identifies two areas on the west and east side of the Stadium, on the concourse level, to be a sports betting venue.

This instrument revokes all previous approvals for sports betting venues at Bruce Stadium.

As a result of the redevelopment of Bruce Stadium, new arrangements have been made for sports bookmakers to operate at the Stadium.

Sports bookmakers will now be positioned in specifically constructed areas on both sides of the ground. The approved betting areas will establish a permanent facility and allow greater telecommunications links with the main offices of the sports bookmakers.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications from this instrument. The introduction of sports betting has provided increased levels of revenue to the Government and has resulted in an increase in economic activity through the establishment of new business and the creation of a number of new jobs within the Territory.

The provision of a sports betting service by bookmakers at live sporting events has provided a unique addition to the services available at Bruce Stadium.