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**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

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### **PURPOSE**

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 2004. The effect is to make it an offence to either consume liquor in these 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 2004.

### **BACKGROUND**

To reduce problems associated with the conduct of Summernats events a number of measures have been put in place, including the declaration of dry areas in the vicinity of Exhibition Park. The declaration of dry areas as proposed in this amendment has occurred since 1993.

The working group established to monitor the planning for Summernats 2004 has again recommended the declaration of dry areas around Exhibition Park during Summernats 2004. Due to a number of public drinking related problems during the 2003 event in Aspinall Street, Watson the working group has recommended that the dry area declaration be extended to that street for this year's event.

### **DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT**

Subregulation (1) of regulation 11 is repealed and replaced with subregulation 11 (1) which specifies the areas in the existing subregulation 11 (3) are dry areas from noon on 7 January 2004 until noon on 12 January 2004 which covers the period of Summernats 2004.

Subregulation (3) is amended by the inclusion of a new subregulation (da) that specifies Aspinall Street, Watson as part of the area covered by the dry area regulation.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil