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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

DETERMINATION OF A PLACE TO BE A SPORTS BETTING VENUE

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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 (2) of the Act provides that the Minister may determine directions for the operation of a sports betting venue

This instrument sets the operational framework for the conduct of the sports betting service within the sports betting venue.

In particular, the instrument sets out the times that the sports betting bookmakers may accept bets and sets out the requirements that a licensed sports bookmaker or a licensed agent must be in attendance at all times that the sports betting venue is open

The instrument outlines the agreed restrictions on sports bookmakers in respect of accepting face-to-face bets on racing events when there is a local race meeting being conducted in the ACT or Queanbeyan. These restrictions have been developed to provide a measure of protection for live racing in the region

The instrument further provides the restrictions on telecommunications including the requirement that all telephone calls are recorded on the approved equipment and specifying the restrictions on making calls from the sports betting venue.

The instrument sets out operational aspects including reporting arrangements, ticketing issues and provides the management arrangements for the sports betting venue