

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

TRADING HOURS ACT 1996

INSTRUMENT NO. 49 OF 1997

The *Trading Hours Act 1996* (the Act) regulates the trading hours of large supermarkets in town centres within the Australian Capital Territory.

The Act places no restriction on the trading hours of shops generally, enabling them to trade at any time of the day on any day of the year.

Under Section 6(1) of the Act, the Minister may, by instrument, specify the periods of time during which large supermarkets (as defined) may be open to the public for the purposes of trading. Section 6(2) provides that any such instrument is a disallowable instrument. a disallowable instrument must be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

The instrument, provides a variation or extension in the hours which a large supermarket may be open to the public for the purposes of trading on Wednesday 26 March 1997. The specified trading hours for a large supermarket on that day are:

7.00 am until 10.00 pm.

The instrument accompanies this Explanatory Statement.