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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

DETERMINATION OF EVENTS TO BE A SPORTS BETTING EVENT



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Minister for Sport and Recreation

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 events that sports betting may take place on.

Section 39A (1) of the Act provides that the Minister may determine a sporting or other event to be a sports betting event for the purpose of the Act.

This instrument revokes three earlier determinations, combines the sports approved in the earlier determinations and sets out the sports, events within those sports and other contingencies upon which sports betting may take place. The significant change from earlier determinations involves the addition of the sport of cycling to the list of approved sports.

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 made a positive contribution to the ACT economy.