

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

TRADING HOURS ACT 1996

Instrument NO. 75 OF 1997

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

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 (attached) instrument provides a variation in the hours which a large supermarket in the town centres may be open to the public for the purposes of trading.

The specified trading hours for a large supermarket are:

From the first to the last moment of any day.

The instrument accompanies this Explanatory Statement.