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BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

**DETERMINATION OF DIRECTIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF A SPORTS
BETTING VENUE**

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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 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 determined sports betting venue

This instrument sets the operational framework for the conduct of the sports betting service within the sports betting venue located on the concourse level of the Mai Meninga Stand at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium.

The instrument sets out the -

- operating times that licensed sports betting bookmakers may accept face-to-face bets,
- the requirements that a licensed sports bookmaker or a licensed agent must be in attendance during the operating hours,
- the restrictions on telecommunications equipment, and
- operational aspects including ticketing and reporting arrangements

In particular, the instrument sets the opening hours from 4.30 pm to 9.00 pm and requires that between the approved operating hours, a licensed sports bookmaker or licensed agent, must be in attendance. The instrument restricts the method of betting to face-to-face transactions only

Furthermore, the instrument details the ticketing requirements, security guarantee and administrative arrangements for the sports betting bookmakers operating at Bruce Outdoor Stadium

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications from this instrument. This instrument sets the overall operating framework for the sports betting service at the Bruce Outdoor Stadium. The establishment of which is expected to provide increased levels of revenue to the Government:

The provision of sports betting service by bookmakers at live sporting events will provide a unique feature to the services available at Bruce Stadium and represent a valuable opportunity for sports betting bookmakers to promote their services to clients