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## Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Act 1985

### Ministerial determination that cage fighting is a combat sport

I James Merlino MP, Minister for Sport, Recreation and Youth Affairs, acting in my capacity as the Minister administering the *Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Act 1985* ('the Act'), determine under section 5 of the Act that the sport or activity known as 'cage fighting' is a combat sport for the purposes of the Act.

'Cage fighting' being:

(1) any professional contest which is promoted or described by organisers as involving cage fighting; or

(2) any professional contest in which contestants may strike, kick, hit, grapple with, throw or punch other contestants, conducted in:

- a cage;
- a ring, platform, stage or designated competition space with the appearance of a cage; or
- a ring, platform, stage or designated competition space with sides or walls that are enclosed, other than by horizontal ropes which comply with the standard conditions imposed upon promoters' licences at that time pursuant to section 9 of the Act.

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