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ORDER

I, John DELLA BOSCA, Minister for Health:

- a. pursuant to section 5 (1) and (2) of the Health Professional (Special Events Exemption) Act 1997 (“the Act”) do hereby declare the 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival to be a special event for the purpose of the Act; and
- b. pursuant to section 5 (3) of the Act, do hereby specify the period from 1 to 31 January 2009, both days inclusive, as the period during which the exemptions under section 11 (1), (2) and (3) of the Act shall have effect; and
- c. pursuant to section 5 (5) of the Act, do hereby specify for the purposes of section 7 (c) of the Act that the Australian Olympic Committee shall be required to notify in writing to the NSW Department of Health the following information:
 - (i) the names of the visiting health professionals, being medical practitioners and physiotherapists, who will be providing health care services to visitors within section 6 of the Act (being international youth Olympic team members at the 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival), and who have been designated by the Australian Olympic Committee as “registered 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival doctors” and “registered 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival physiotherapists” respectively; and
 - (ii) the name of the country to whose team members those visiting medical practitioners or physiotherapists will be providing health care services; and
- d. pursuant to section 10 (2) (a) of the Act, do hereby authorise a visiting medical practitioner who has been designated as a “registered 2009 Australian Youth Olympic Festival doctor” in accordance with clause c (i) above, to issue written prescriptions for restricted substances or drugs of addiction within the meaning of the NSW Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966, providing that:
 - (i) those prescriptions are only issued for the treatment of team members of a named international youth Olympic team referred to in paragraph c (ii) above; and
 - (ii) such prescriptions otherwise satisfy the requirements of the NSW Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 and any Regulation made under that Act, and are completed in any such manner as the Director-General or the Chief Pharmacist of the Department of Health may require.

Signed this fifteenth day of October 2008.

JOHN DELLA BOSCA, M.L.C.,
Minister for Health

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