

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

LAND RENT AND RATES (DEFERMENT) ORDINANCE 1970

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 5 of 1970

The purpose of this Ordinance is to enable pensioners and persons in necessitous circumstances to have their liability to pay land rent and general rates deferred so as to prevent the liability from becoming an unnecessary hardship.

The Minister for the Interior will be empowered under the Ordinance to make determinations deferring the payment of rent and general rates.

On the making of a determination the amounts deferred, together with interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, will become debts due under the Ordinance but action to recover these debts will not be possible until the determination has been revoked. The debts will be secured by a charge analogous to a mortgage, notice of which will be registered under the Real Property Ordinance.

When the reason for a determination has ceased, it may be revoked by the Minister. The right of the Minister to take such action may be referred for determination by a Magistrate.

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