

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

WATER RATES ORDINANCE 1970

No. 49 of 1970

SEWERAGE RATES ORDINANCE 1970

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The submission to Cabinet on land charges and municipal accounts was approved on the understanding that with the abandonment of land rent the water charges will be increased to return additional revenue to cover the difference in Commonwealth revenue between land rent and rates under the old system, and rates under the new system.

The proposed Water Rates Ordinance 1970 will increase water rates from \$10 to \$20 a year. Where water is supplied through a meter – 25 cents will be charged for each 1,000 gallons used in excess of 100,000 gallons, instead of the present 20 cents for each 1,000 gallons used in excess of 75,000 gallons.

The rating year will be changed from a calendar year to a financial year and it will comprise a period of 12 months commencing on 1 July of each year. Special provisions will be made for the transitional period from 1 January 1971 to 30 June 1971 and rates equal to one half the amount which would be payable for a rating year will be payable for that period.

The Sewerage Rates Ordinance 1970 will provide for the payment of sewerage rates in respect of land which is sub-divided into units and common property under the Unit Titles Ordinance. The lessee of a unit will be responsible for the payment of sewerage rates for the unit, and the corporation will be responsible for the payment of the rates in respect of the common property.

The Ordinance will also change the rating year from a calendar year to a financial year and it will comprise a period of 12 months commencing on first July of each year. In respect of the transitional period from 1 January 1971 to 30 June 1971, one half of the rates which would be payable for a rating year will be charged.

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