

No. 8 of 1977

AN ORDINANCE

To amend the *Water Rates Ordinance 1959*.

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*.

Dated this seventh day of April, 1977.

JOHN R. KERR
Governor-General.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. A. STALEY
Minister of State for the Capital Territory.

WATER RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1977

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Water Rates (Amendment) Ordinance 1977*.^{*} Short title.
2. In this Ordinance, "Principal Ordinance" means the *Water Rates Ordinance 1959*.[†] Principal Ordinance.
3. Section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is amended— Inter-pretation.
 - (a) by inserting in sub-section (1), before the definition of "meter", the following definition:—

" 'Department' means the Department of State administered by the Minister of State for the time being administering this Ordinance;"; and
 - (b) by inserting in sub-section (1), after the definition of "rating year", the following definition:—

" 'Secretary' means the person who, for the time being, is, or is performing the duties of, the Permanent Head of the Department within the meaning of the *Public Service Act 1922*;".
4. Section 7A of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting from paragraph (1)(b) the words "period—an" and substituting the words "period—is an". Rates—land subdivided into units and common property.

^{*} Notified in the *Australian Government Gazette* on 18 April 1977.

[†] Ordinance No. 19, 1959 as amended by No. 15, 1963; No. 18, 1965; No. 19, 1966; No. 26, 1967; No. 23, 1969; No. 49, 1970; No. 24, 1972; Nos. 15 and 26, 1973; No. 31, 1974; No. 20, 1975; and Nos. 20 and 34, 1976.

5. After section 7A of the Principal Ordinance the following section is inserted:—

Rates for
metred land
held under
this
Ordinance.

“ 7B. (1) Where water is supplied from a system of works through a meter to a parcel of land held by the Canberra College of Advanced Education under a lease granted under the *Canberra College of Advanced Education (Leases) Ordinance 1977*, the amount of rates in respect of the parcel of land in each rating year—

(a) is an amount of \$59.40; or

(b) where one or more meter reading periods end during that rating year and the quantity of water that has been supplied during such a meter reading period exceeds the prescribed quantity for that period—is the sum of the amount of \$59.40 and an amount calculated at the rate of 9 cents for each kilolitre of water supplied in excess of the prescribed quantity for each meter reading period ending in that rating year.

“ (2) An amount of \$59.40 becomes due in respect of a parcel of land referred to in sub-section (1) at the commencement of the rating year.

“ (3) Where, by virtue of sub-section (1), the rates payable in respect of a parcel of land in a rating year exceed \$59.40, an amount calculated at the rate of 9 cents for each kilolitre of water in excess of the prescribed quantity supplied in a meter reading period that ends in the rating year becomes due at the end of the meter reading period.

“ (4) For the purposes of this section, the prescribed quantity of water in respect of a meter reading period is—

(a) in the case of a meter reading period that ends when the meter is read in pursuance of a direction under sub-section 17 (3)—a quantity of water that bears the same proportion to 455 kilolitres as the number of days in the meter reading period bears to 365; and

(b) in any other case—455 kilolitres.”.

6. Section 24A of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-section (5) and substituting the following sub-section:—

Rates may
be paid by
instalments
in certain
cases.

“ (5) In this section, ‘ quarter day ’ means the last day of March, June, September or December.”.

Evidence.

7. Section 30 of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

(a) by omitting from sub-section (1) the words “ to the Department of the Capital Territory ”; and

(b) by omitting from sub-section (3) the words “ to the Department of the Capital Territory ”.