

VARIATION TO RENT RELIEF PROGRAM

NO. 74 OF 1997

Under section 12 of the *Housing Assistance Act 1987*, I make a variation to the Rent Relief Program as follows:

Interpretation

1. In this instrument, "Program" means the Rent Relief Program published in Australian Capital Territory Gazette No. 26 of 1989, dated 15 November 1989 as amended by the following instruments:
 - (a) No. 151 of 1992 - published in Australian Capital Territory Special Gazette No. S171 of 1992 dated 1 October 1992;
 - (b) No. 3 of 1993 - published in Australian Capital Territory Gazette No. 3 of 1993 dated 20 January 1993,
 - (c) No. 135 of 1993 - published in Australian Capital Territory Special Gazette No. S205 of 1993 dated 1 October 1993;
 - (d) No. 140 of 1993 - published in Australian Capital Territory Special Gazette No. S205 of 1993 dated 1 October 1993;
 - (e) No. 17 of 1995 - published in Australian Capital Territory Special Gazette No. 31 of 1995 dated 31 January 1995, and
 - (f) No. 210 of 1996 - notified in Australian Capital Territory Special Gazette No. S 242 of 1996 dated 25 September 1996

Variation

2. Clause 2 of the Program is varied by omitting "rent commitments other than in respect of accommodation provided by the Commissioner for Housing under the Public Rental Housing Assistance Program" and substituting "a requirement to pay a rental bond".
3. Subclause 3(1) of the Program is varied by omitting the definition of "student"
4. Clause 5 of the Program is varied by
 - (a) omitting from paragraph (1)(j) "the applicant's name" and substituting "the Applicant is a tenant of government rental accommodation or";

- (b) adding, at the end of paragraph (1)(m), "and";
 - (c) omitting paragraph (1)(n);
 - (d) omitting from paragraph (1)(o) "; and" and substituting ".";
 - (e) omitting paragraph (1)(p); and
 - (f) omitting subclauses (6) and (7).
5. Clause 6 of the Program is varied by omitting subclause (1).
6. Clause 7 of the Program is varied by:
- (a) adding, at the end of paragraph (1)(a), "or";
 - (b) omitting from paragraph (1)(b), "; or" and substituting "but subject to subclause 7(2).";
 - (c) omitting paragraph (1)(c); and
 - (d) omitting subclause (2) and substituting

"(2) The Commissioner **may not make a loan to an Eligible Applicant** under paragraph 7(1)(b) unless the Applicant:

- (a) was receiving rent subsidy under clause 10 at the time of revocation of that clause,
 - (b) applied for priority assistance under the Public Rental Housing Assistance Program on or before 30 September 1997;
 - (c) was granted priority assistance; and
 - (d) applied for assistance in the form of a loan under paragraph 7(1)(b) within 30 days of the date on which the Applicant accepted a tenancy under the Public Rental Housing Assistance Program."
7. The Program is varied by adding the following provisions after clause 7:

"Transitional Provisions - Loans

8 (1) Where an Application for assistance in the form of a loan under paragraph 7(1)(b) was received by the Commissioner before the date of variation of that paragraph, the Commissioner may make a loan in accordance with this

Program to an eligible Applicant as if that paragraph had not been varied.

(2) Where an Application for assistance in the form of a loan under paragraph 7(1)(c) was received by the Commissioner before the date of revocation of that paragraph, the Commissioner may make a loan in accordance with this Program to an eligible Applicant as if that paragraph had not been revoked

Transitional Provisions - Rent Subsidy

9. (1) Notwithstanding the revocation of subclause 6(1) and clause 10, a person who was receiving rent subsidy at the time of that revocation:

- (a) is entitled to be paid rent subsidy in accordance with clause 10 during the period determined under paragraph 10(4)(a); and
- (b) may, if that period expires before 30 June 1997, apply on or before that date for further assistance by way of rent relief.

(2) Where an Application for assistance in the form of rent subsidy:

- (a) was received by the Commissioner before the date of revocation of clause 10; or
- (b) is made in accordance with paragraph 9(1)(b);

rent subsidy is payable in accordance with clause 10 (other than paragraph 10(4)(a)) to an eligible Applicant as if that clause had not been revoked.

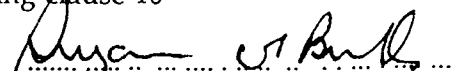
(3) Rent subsidy is not payable in respect of government rental accommodation.

(4) Rent subsidy under paragraph 9(2)(a) is payable for a period of 3 months commencing on the date of Application.

(5) Rent subsidy under paragraph 9(2)(b) is payable for a period up to and including 30 June 1997."

8. The Program is varied by omitting clause 10

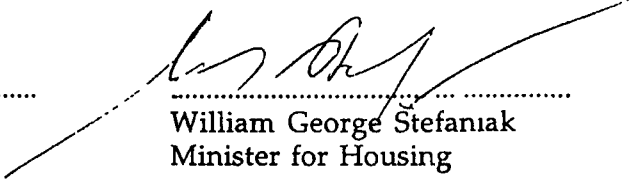
Date. 5.5.97


Suzanne M Birtles
Commissioner for Housing

APPROVAL

Under section 12 of the Housing Assistance Act 1987, I approve the variation to the Rent Relief Program made by the Commissioner for Housing by instrument dated 5th May 1997.

Date: 5/5/97


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William George Stefaniak
Minister for Housing