

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
SEWERAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1984
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT
No. 28 of 1984

The Sewerage Rates Ordinance 1963 (the principal Ordinance) provided that the occupier of a parcel of land is liable to pay sewerage rates in respect of that parcel if sewerage services are supplied or are available for supply in respect of it. Rates are assessed each financial year.

The principal Ordinance provided that:

- (a) Where a person becomes the initial lessee of a parcel the rating after the first day of the rating year they would be liable for a full year's sewerage rates;
- (b) Where land becomes rateable after the first day of the rating year and is subsequently leased or occupied, no sewerage rates are payable for any portion of that rating year.

The provisions were at variance with the provision for the payment of both general rates and water rates which provide for the payment of those rates on a pro-rata basis. The Sewerage Rates (Amendment) Ordinance 1984 (the amending Ordinance) amends the principal Ordinance to provide for the pro-rate imposition of sewerage rates where:

- (a) Land is rateable on the first day of a rating year and is subsequently first leased from the Commonwealth or occupied; or
- (b) Where land becomes rateable after the first day of the rating year and is subsequently leased from the Commonwealth or occupied.

Details of the amending Ordinance are as follows:

Section 1 and 2 deal with interpretation.

Section 3 repeals section 10 of the existing Ordinance, relating to the amount of rates payable where land becomes rateable during a rating year, and inserts new section 10 and 10A. New section 10 provides for the pro-rata imposition of sewerage rates where land is rateable on the first day in a rating year and is subsequently leased or occupied. New section 10A provides for the pro-rata imposition of sewerage rates where land becomes rateable after the first day of the rating year and is subsequently leased or occupied.

Section 4 provides that the principal Ordinance as amended by the proposed Ordinance applies to and in relation to sewerage rates imposed in respect of the rating year commencing 1 July 1984, and each subsequent year.

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