

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

WATER RATES (AMENDMENT)
ORDINANCE 1982

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

No.25 of 1982

Section 17(3)(a) of the Water Rates Ordinance 1959 (the Principal Ordinance) allows the delegate of the Minister to specify a day upon which all meters in the same neighbourhood shall be read. In 1981 adverse weather conditions prevented some meters being read in the suburbs of Evatt and Farrer within the period specified in section 17(4) of the Principal Ordinance. All the meters were read, however, within 14 days after the prescribed period. The revenue involved is approximately \$34,000 for the 1980/81 meter reading period. Such late meter readings are likely to occur again in the future, especially since present arrangements mean that the bulk of meter readings must be taken during the first half of the year.

The Water Rates (Amendment) Ordinance 1982 (the amending Ordinance) amends the Principal Ordinance by extending the period after the meter reading anniversary date during which a meter may be read in a rating year, from 14 days to 28 days. This amendment is deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 1980 thus validating the 1981 meter readings done in Evatt and Farrer.

Section 1 of the amending Ordinance provides for the short title of the Ordinance.

Section 2 of the amending Ordinance provides that the Ordinance is deemed to have come into operation on 1 July 1980.

Section 3 of the amending Ordinance amends section 17(4) of the Principal Ordinance to extend the period after the meter reading anniversary date during which a meter may be read in a rating year from 14 days to 28 days.

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