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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SCAFFOLDING AND LIFTS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1981

No.15 of 1981

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Under the Schedule to the Scaffolding and Lifts Ordinance 1957, a person giving the required notice of intention to commence building, excavation or compressed air work is required to pay a fee. These fees are charged to cover the cost of inspections carried out by officers of the Department to ensure that safety requirements are observed during construction work. The Scaffolding and Lifts (Amendment) Ordinance 1981 revises the fees payable for inspection of residential building work as follows:

<u>OLD</u>		<u>NEW</u>	
<u>Cost of Work</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Cost of Work</u>	<u>Fee</u>
\$40,000 or less	No Fee payable	\$55,000 or less	No fee payable
Over \$40,000 but not exceeding \$140,000	20¢ for every \$100 or part thereof of the cost	Over \$55,000	\$5 for every \$1,000 or part thereof of the cost in excess of \$55,000
Over \$140,000	\$400 and \$2 for every \$4,000 or part thereof of the cost		

The old fees had been criticized on the basis that the limit of \$40,000 was unrealistic in view of today's buildings costs. The new fees have the support of the Housing Industry Association and the Master Builders Association, and are in line with those proposed by the New South Wales authorities.