

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
SEWERAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980  
WATER RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT  
ORDINANCE NOs.18 and 19 OF 1980

The Sewerage Rates (Amendment) Ordinance 1980 and Water Rates (Amendment) Ordinance 1980 amend the Sewerage Rates Ordinance 1968 and the Water Rates Ordinance 1959, respectively, to make it clear that if a house has an attached flat, or, if an existing house is converted into a house and a flat then separate sewerage and water rates will not be payable in respect of the flat.

Section 3 of the Sewerage Rates (Amendment) Ordinance 1980 amends the Sewerage Rates Ordinance (the Principal Ordinance) by inserting a definition of a 'prescribed building' which is, basically, a house with an attached flat.

Section 4 of the Amending Ordinance amends the Principal Ordinance deeming a prescribed building or a prescribed building with a subsidiary building or buildings to be a class 1 parcel of rateable land. This amendment brings houses with flats attached into line with single residential units which are also classified as class 1 parcels of rateable land. Section 4(d) of the Amending Ordinance also excludes prescribed buildings from being class 2 parcels of rateable land under Section 6(1)(b) of the Principal Ordinance.

Section 5 of the Amending Ordinance amends the Principal Ordinance to ensure that increased sewerage rates are not applicable where an attached flat is built on to a house after sewerage rates have become due for a rating year but before the commencement of the next rating year.

Section 6 of the Amending Ordinance amends the Principal Ordinance to ensure that the occupant of an attached flat is not liable for sewerage rates under Section 14(3) of the Principal Ordinance.

Section 3 of the Water Rates (Amendment) Ordinance 1980 amends Section 6 of the Water Rates Ordinance to make it clear that water rates are payable by non-government schools.

Section 4 of the Water Rates (Amendment) Ordinance 1980 amends Section 7 of the Water Rates Ordinance 1959 to ensure that water rates are not separately payable in respect of the attached flat.

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