

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE (NO 3) 1977

WATER RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE (NO 2) 1977

SEWERAGE RATES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE (NO 3) 1977

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Rates (Amendment) Ordinance (No 3) 1977, the Water Rates (Amendment) Ordinance (No 2) 1977 and the Sewerage Rates (Amendment) Ordinance (No 3) 1977 amend their respective principal Ordinances to:

- . modify the existing system of instalment payments to provide more economy and flexibility; and
- . provide that weekly and fortnightly Commonwealth tenants will not be liable under the Ordinance for the payment of the relevant rates. The amount of such rates is being incorporated as a factor in each tenant's rent.

The decisions to implement these proposals were given by the Minister in July and May this year respectively. The time between now and the making of these decisions has been fully taken up with drafting and printing of the Ordinances and with necessary administrative procedures.

Increases in General Rates and Sewerage Rates have been approved by the Government. There is no increase in Water Rates. Rates Notices are required to be issued to ratepayers by 30 September if the collection of revenue is to be spaced evenly and full advantage taken by ratepayers of the new instalment entitlements to be created by the proposed Ordinance.