

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

RURAL WORKERS ACCOMMODATION ORDINANCE 1962

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

No. 6 of 1962

The legislation in the Australian Capital Territory concerning Rural Workers Accommodation has been based on the New South Wales Act and regulations. Due to the amendments of the New South Wales legislation concerning Rural Workers Accommodation it has become necessary to amend the Australian Capital Territory Ordinance.

Section (6) sub-section (2) paragraph (d) of the Principal Ordinance is amended by section 2 (a) of the draft Ordinance by requiring the accommodation to be at least fifty yards from a fowl pen, cow yard, cow bail, sheep dip and dog kennel in addition to the already specified areas.

The current paragraphs (k) (m) and (n) of sub-section (2), section 6 are repealed and are inserted in the section providing for the power to make regulations. These aspects will be covered in the Regulations at present being drafted.

A new paragraph (k) has been inserted to provide that unless proper cooking, drinking and washing vessels and utensils are provided the accommodation shall be deemed not to be sufficient in cases where five or more rural workers are provided with accommodation.

These amendments accord with the accommodation conditions at present applying to rural workers in New South Wales as contained in the New South Wales Act and also provide for regulations to be made similar to those applicable in New South Wales.

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