

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

RATES AND LAND TAX ACT 1926

NOTICE OF INTEREST RATES

INSTRUMENT NO. 172 OF 1998

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Rates and Land Tax Act 1926* (the Act) levies general rates and land tax on all rateable properties in the ACT. Section 28B of the Act deals with interest payable on overpaid rates and land tax.

This Notice revokes, from 16 July 1998, Determination No. 17 of 1998 dated 23 December 1997 and notified in the Australian Capital Territory Gazette No. S33 of 15 January 1998, and determines the rate of interest payable on overpaid rates and land tax for the purpose of subsection 28B (1) (a) of the Act.

With a date of effect of 16 July 1998, the interest rate is 5.0 percent per annum.

The date of effect of this Determination is six months since the previous interest rate variation, in line with Revenue Office policy for six monthly reviews of interest rates on overdue taxes. For consistency and administrative ease, this rate of interest should apply from the same date.

The previous rate on overpaid amounts was 5.5 percent per annum and was based on the 90 day Bank Bill rate for November 1997 of 5.06 percent per annum, rounded up to the nearest half of one percent.

The new rate is determined on the basis of the 90 day Bank Bill rate for May 1998, which was 4.99 percent per annum, rounded up to the nearest half of one percent.

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