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**THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR  
THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**HOUSING ASSISTANCE ACT 1987**

**CREATION OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**NO. 144 of 1994**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**(Circulated by authority of  
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Minister for Housing  
and Community Services)**

Stage 2 of the program will provide housing assistance to groups of single people. They will be able to apply as individuals or as a group. Tenants will each have their own tenancy agreement and will pay rent according to their own means. Each tenant will have sole use and rights to one or more bedrooms according to their household size and will have joint use and responsibility with the other co-tenants for the common areas of a dwelling such as the kitchen, lounge room, laundry and yard etc.

A summary of the program is as follows:

**Clause 1** states the name of the program and includes provision for changes to the granting of rental rebate assistance.

**Clauses 2 to 4** provide the object, definitions, interpretations and relationship to the Commonwealth State Housing Agreement and are all self explanatory.

**Clauses 5 to 8** relate to single applicants and covers the form of application, eligibility requirements and conditions under which allocation of assistance will be provided.

**Clauses 9 and 10** refer to the method by which single applicants will be allocated assistance.

**Clause 11** covers the conditions under which a single applicant may apply for a rebate of rent once allocation of housing assistance has been provided.

**Clauses 12 and 13** relate to Community Organisations and specify which Community Organisations can apply for a head tenancy and outlines the eligibility and allocation arrangements with respect to assistance.

**Clause 14** relates to the order in which housing assistance will be allocated to Community Organisations.

**Clause 15** covers the conditions under which a head tenant can apply for a rebate of rent once allocation of housing assistance has been provided.

**Clause 16** outlines the assistance which may be allocated to single applicants under this program where the applicants have been approved for a priority allocation of housing under the Public Rental Housing Assistance Program.

**Clause 17** outlines an applicants obligation to provide further information in relation to an application for assistance.

**Clause 18** states the need for applicants and the Commissioner to enter into a tenancy agreement for each dwelling allocated under this program.

**Clause 19** specifies the conditions relating to rent payable for a dwelling.

**Clauses 20 and 21** outline the arrangements under which applicants may transfer to other dwellings.

**Clauses 22 to 25** outline the Commissioner's obligations in relation to the notification of decisions, appeal rights and maintaining confidentiality of clients information and are all self explanatory.