

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

WATER RATES ACT 1959

DETERMINATION OF FEES

NO 54 OF 1992

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

**SCHEDULE OF FEES CONCERNING WATER METER READING OR TESTING AND
ISSUE OF CERTIFICATE OF WATER RATES PAYABLE**

These fees were determined by the ACT Electricity and Water Authority (ACTEW) on 23 April 1992 as delegate of the Minister for Urban Services under Section 33A of the Water Rates Act 1959.

The fees relate to reading of a water meter upon request, to testing of a water meter upon request (fee refundable if the water meter is found to be reading more than 2% higher than the actual flow of water), and to production of a certificate showing the amount of rates payable in relation to a particular property.

The fees have risen by 10%. This is more than the Consumer Price Index. The level of increase is due to moves to bring the water "business" of ACTEW into a position of a positive rate of return and to more accurately reflect the cost of these services.

The 1992/93 fees and the current fees, together with the percentage variation appear below.

1. Fee

| <u>Service</u> | <u>Fee</u> 92/93 | <u>Fee</u> (91/92) | <u>Increase</u> % |
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| 1.1 Fee payable upon request that a meter be read, under section 18 of the Act | \$33.00 | (30.00) | 10 |
| 1.2 Fee payable upon request that a meter be tested, under subsection 21(1) of the Act | \$98.00 | (89.00) | 10 |
| 1.3 Fee payable upon request for a certificate showing the amount of rates that is payable in respect of a quantity of water or of a parcel of land under section 20B of the Act | \$23.00 | (21.00) | 10 |