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NOTIFICATION OF THE MAKING OF AN INSTRUMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned Instrument of the Australian Capital Territory has been made. Copies of the Instrument may be purchased from Publishing Services, Legislation and Sales Counter, ACT Government Shopfront, Corner of City Walk and East Row Canberra City ACT 2601.

Act under which Instrument made	Description of Instrument	Number and year of Instrument
<i>Rates and Land Tax Act 1926</i>	Determination of Interest Rates.	No. 179 of 1999
<i>Rates and Land Rent (Relief) Act 1970</i>	Notice Fixing Rates of Interest.	No. 180 of 1999

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
RATES AND LAND TAX ACT 1926
DETERMINATION OF INTEREST RATES
INSTRUMENT NO. 179 OF 1999

Under subsection 22 (3) of the *Rates and Land Tax Act 1926* I REVOKE from 16 July 1999, Determination No. 16 of 1998 dated 23 December 1997 and notified in the Australian Capital Territory Gazette No. S32 of 15 January 1998.

I DETERMINE the interest rate for the purpose of subsection 22 (3) of the *Rates and Land Tax Act 1926* shall be 12.72 percent per annum.

This instrument is to take effect on and from 16 July 1999.

Date: 12/7/99

Kate Carnell MLA
Treasurer

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 22 of the Act deals with the recovery of rates and land tax and subsection 22 (3), the liability to interest on overdue rates and land tax.

This instrument revokes, from 16 July 1999, Determination No. 16 of 1998 dated 23 December 1997 and notified in the Australian Capital Territory Gazette No. S32 of 15 January 1998, and sets the interest rate to be charged on unpaid rates and land tax for the purpose of subsection 22 (3) of the Act.

With a date of effect of 16 July 1999, the interest rate is 12.72 percent per annum.

The previous rate was 16.5 percent per annum.

The rate is being aligned with the interest rate charged under the *Taxation Administration Act 1999*. This will provide broad consistency and equity across all legislation administered by the ACT Revenue Office and apply a common interest rate to all unpaid taxes, rates and charges. The interest rate is based on the 4.72% market rate (weighted average yield set at the last weekly tender for the 13 week Treasury Note before the end of May 1999) determined under the *Taxation Administration Act 1999*. To this is added a fixed penalty rate of 8 percent per annum to increase the interest rate to the point where it is uneconomical to use the Government as a source of finance.

Circulated by authority of the Chief Minister and Treasurer
Kate Carnell MLA

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
RATES AND LAND RENT (RELIEF) ACT 1970

NOTICE FIXING RATES OF INTEREST

INSTRUMENT NO. 180 OF 1999

UNDER section 23 of the *Rates and Land Rent (Relief) Act 1970* I revoke, from 16 July 1999, the Notice Fixing Rates of Interest, Instrument No. 173 of 1998 dated 8 July 1998 and published in the Australian Capital Territory Gazette No. 28 of 15 July 1998, and hereby fix the rate of interest, for the purpose of subsection 23(1):

- (a) in relation to amounts deferred as the result of a deferment under section 3, at 5.0 percent per annum; and
- (b) in relation to amounts unpaid after the date of revocation of a deferment, at 12.72 percent per annum.

This Notice is to take effect from 16 July 1999.

Date: 12/7/99

Kate Carnell MLA
Treasurer

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Rates and Land Rent (Relief) Act 1970* (the Act) provides for relief from land, water and sewerage rates in the form of rebates and/or deferral of the obligation to pay rates, to eligible pensioners, specified Social Security payment recipients and persons suffering hardship. Section 23 empowers the Minister to fix the interest rates which are levied by the Act.

This Notice Fixing Rates of Interest revokes the Notice Fixing Rates of Interest, Instrument No. 173 of 1998, dated 8 July 1998, and published in the Australian Capital Territory Gazette No 28 on 15 July 1998, and fixes the interest rates to be charged on amounts deferred and amounts unpaid after a deferment has been revoked, for the purpose of subsection 23(1) of the Act.

From 16 July 1999, the interest rate for the purpose of paragraph 23 (1) (a) of the Act, in relation to amounts deferred, is fixed at 5.0 percent per annum, unchanged from the current rate, and for paragraph 23 (1) (b) of the Act, in relation to amounts unpaid after a deferment has been revoked, the interest rate is fixed at 12.72 percent per annum, previously 16.5 percent per annum, in line with the interest rate levied on other unpaid municipal rates.

The rates have been maintained or changed as a consequence of a six monthly review of interest rates by the ACT Revenue Office in line with Government policy.

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Kate Carnell MLA

