EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES NO. 2.14.....

ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS

DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES ACT 1918

DEFENCE SERVICE HOMES REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT)

Section 51 of the <u>Defence Service Homes Act</u> 1918 (the Act) provides, in part, that the Governor-General may make regulations, not inconsistent with the Act, prescribing all matters which, by this Act are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for giving effect to the Act.

Paragraph 20(1)(b) of the Act provides that the Corporation may make an advance for the purpose of enabling an applicant to purchase land and erect thereon a dwelling-house. Section 22 of the Act provides that an advance may be made by such instalments and subject to such conditions as are prescribed. Regulation 32 of the Defence Service Homes Regulations provides that advances may be made by instalments for the purpose of erecting, completing or enlarging dwelling-houses.

The Regulations do not provide for advances to be made by instalments for the joint purchase of land and erection thereon of a dwelling-house. Regulation 1(a) amends existing regulation 32 to extend its operation to paragraph 20(1)(b) of the Act.

Regulations l(b) and (2) make consequential amendments to the Regulations.

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