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COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures—Miscellaneous) Bill 2020

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Proposed amendment

No. 1 **Rent relief**

Page 33, Schedule 1.28. Insert after line 9—

**[1A] Section 228G**

Insert after section 228C—

**228G Use of Statutory Interest Account recommended following order of Tribunal**

- (1) This section applies if, under this Part, the Tribunal makes an order to reduce the rent payable under a residential tenancy agreement, and—
  - (a) the reduced weekly rent payable by the tenant is more than 30% of the tenant's weekly income, or
  - (b) the landlord has suffered significant hardship as a result of the rent reduction.
- (2) Parliament recommends that money in the Statutory Interest Account established under the *Property and Stock Agents Act 2002* be appropriated by an Act of Parliament for the purposes of compensating—
  - (a) a tenant for the total amount of weekly rent paid under the order that exceeds 30% of the tenant's weekly income, or
  - (b) a landlord for the shortfall between the amount of weekly rent payable under the residential tenancy agreement and the reduced weekly rent paid in accordance with the order.