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A Bill

for

An Act to amend the *Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024*, the *Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Regulation 2024* and the legislation mentioned in schedule 1 for particular purposes

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The Parliament of Queensland enacts— 1

Part 1 Preliminary 2

Clause 1 Short title 3
This Act may be cited as the *Energy Roadmap Amendment Act 2025*. 4 5

Clause 2 Commencement 6
The following provisions commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation— 7 8
(a) sections 15 to 29; 9
(b) section 68, to the extent it inserts section 184. 10

Part 2 Amendment of Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024 11 12 13

Clause 3 Act amended 14
This part amends the *Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024*. 15 16
Note— 17
See also the amendments in schedule 1. 18

Clause 4 Amendment of long title 19
Long title, from ‘transform’ to ‘supporting’— 20
omit, insert— 21
facilitate the development of infrastructure to 22

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promote an affordable, reliable and 1
sustainable energy system in Queensland, and 2
to support 3

Clause 5 Replacement of s 1 (Short title) 4

Section 1— 5

omit, insert— 6

1 Short title 7

This Act may be cited as the *Energy* 8
(Infrastructure Facilitation) Act 2024. 9

Clause 6 Replacement of ss 3 and 4 10

Sections 3 and 4— 11

omit, insert— 12

3 Main purposes of Act 13

The main purposes of this Act are— 14

(a) to increase the amount of electricity 15
generated in Queensland in a way that is 16
cost-effective, safe, secure and reliable; and 17

(b) to facilitate and support the efficient and 18
coordinated augmentation of the national 19
transmission grid in Queensland to 20
accommodate the increased generation of 21
electricity mentioned in paragraph (a); and 22

(c) to provide for support for workers in the 23
energy industry and communities affected 24
by the increased generation of electricity 25
mentioned in paragraph (a). 26

4 How main purposes are primarily achieved 27

(1) The main purposes of this Act mentioned in 28
section 3(a) and (b) are to be achieved primarily 29

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- by providing a framework that includes— 1
 - (a) strategic infrastructure path objectives and 2ways to help achieve those objectives; and 3
 - (b) the identification and construction of 4priority transmission investments; and 5
 - (c) the development and operation of regional 6energy hubs and coordinated and 7streamlined connection and access to 8transmission networks for the hubs; and 9
 - (d) the facilitation and support of the delivery of 10the CopperString project. 11
- (2) The main purpose of this Act mentioned in 12section 3(c) is to be achieved primarily by 13establishing the Job Security Guarantee Fund, 14including for the purpose of implementing the job 15security guarantee. 16

Clause 7	Amendment of s 7 (Meaning of <i>optimal infrastructure pathway</i>)	17
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(1)	Section 7, ' <i>optimal infrastructure pathway</i> '—	19
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	20
	<i>strategic infrastructure path</i>	21
(2)	Section 7(a), 'infrastructure blueprint'—	22
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	23
	system outlook	24
(3)	Section 7(c)—	25
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	26
	(c) any hub transmission network for a regional 27energy hub not mentioned in the system 28outlook. 29	

Clause 8	Replacement of s 8 (Meaning of <i>optimal infrastructure pathway objectives</i>)	1 2
	Section 8—	3
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	4
	8 Meaning of <i>strategic infrastructure path objectives</i>	5 6
	The <i>strategic infrastructure path objectives</i> are the following objectives—	7 8
	(a) the long-term minimisation of the cost of electricity for Queensland consumers;	9 10
	(b) the provision of a safe, secure and reliable supply of electricity to Queensland consumers;	11 12 13
	(c) the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the generation of electricity in Queensland.	14 15 16
Clause 9	Omission of pt 2 (Renewable energy targets)	17
	Part 2—	18
	<i>omit.</i>	19
Clause 10	Amendment of s 13 (Public ownership strategy)	20
	(1) Section 13, heading—	21
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	22
	13 Public ownership targets	23
	(2) Section 13(1) and (2)—	24
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	25
	(1) Each of the following is a <i>public ownership target</i> for a class of energy asset—	26 27
	(a) that 100% of public ownership of generation assets publicly owned and in operation on	28 29

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| the commencement of this subsection, and | 1 |
| that continue in operation, is maintained; | 2 |
| (b) that public ownership of transmission and | 3 |
| distribution assets is 100%; | 4 |
| (c) that public ownership of deep storage assets | 5 |
| is 100%. | 6 |
| (2) The Minister must prepare a report about whether | 7 |
| each public ownership target is being achieved— | 8 |
| (a) on 31 May 2027; and | 9 |
| (b) at further intervals of 2 years. | 10 |
| (2A) The report must— | 11 |
| (a) include a description of how the percentage | 12 |
| of publicly owned assets for each class of | 13 |
| energy assets is worked out; and | 14 |
| (b) be published on the department’s website. | 15 |
| (3) Section 13(3), definitions <i>publicly owned gas-fired power</i> | 16 |
| <i>station</i> and <i>reporting period</i> — | 17 |
| <i>omit.</i> | 18 |
| (4) Section 13(3), definition <i>public ownership</i> , paragraphs (a) and | 19 |
| (b), ‘Commonwealth, the State or a local government’— | 20 |
| <i>omit, insert—</i> | 21 |
| State | 22 |
| (5) Section 13(3), definition <i>public ownership</i> , paragraph (c)— | 23 |
| <i>omit.</i> | 24 |
| (6) Section 13(3), definition <i>transmission and distribution assets</i> , | 25 |
| paragraph (c)— | 26 |
| <i>omit, insert—</i> | 27 |
| (c) the hub transmission network for a regional | 28 |
| energy hub. | 29 |
| (7) Section 13(2A) and (3)— | 30 |
| <i>renumber</i> as section 13(3) and (4). | 31 |
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Clause 11	Omission of s 14 (Public ownership report)	1
	Section 14—	2
	<i>omit.</i>	3
Clause 12	Replacement of pt 4, hdg (Queensland SuperGrid Infrastructure Blueprint)	4
	Part 4, heading—	5
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	6
	Part 4	7
	Energy System Outlook	8
Clause 13	Amendment of s 15 (Making and approving infrastructure blueprint)	9
	(1) Section 15, heading, ‘infrastructure blueprint’—	10
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	11
	system outlook	12
	(2) Section 15(1), from ‘called’—	13
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	14
	called the ‘Energy System Outlook’ (the system outlook) which may be part of another document.	15
	(3) Section 15(2), (5) and (6), ‘infrastructure blueprint’—	16
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	17
	system outlook	18
	(4) Section 15(2)(a) and (b), ‘optimal infrastructure pathway objectives’—	19
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	20
	strategic infrastructure path objectives	21
	(5) Section 15(2)(a), examples, second dot point—	22
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	23
	• hub transmission networks for regional energy hubs	24
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(6)	Section 15(2)(c) and (e)—	1
	<i>omit.</i>	2
(7)	Section 15(2)(d)—	3
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	4
	(d) identify parts of Queensland regions that are	5
	possibly suitable to be regional energy hubs;	6
	and	7
(8)	Section 15(2)(d) and (f)—	8
	<i>renumber</i> as section 15(2)(c) and (d).	9
(9)	Section 15(3) and (4)—	10
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	11
(3)	The system outlook may also include—	12
(a)	an estimate of the operating life of each	13
	publicly owned coal-fired power station;	14
	and	15
(b)	estimates, at intervals the Minister considers	16
	appropriate, of matters relating to the	17
	capacity of energy infrastructure that are	18
	required to achieve the strategic	19
	infrastructure path objectives; and	20
	<i>Examples of matters relating to the capacity of</i>	21
	<i>energy infrastructure for paragraph (b)—</i>	22
	• the total nameplate rating of generating	23
	systems in Queensland that are capable of	24
	producing electricity	25
	• the total capacity of infrastructure connected	26
	to transmission systems in Queensland to	27
	generate electricity on demand	28
	• the total capacity for storage of energy in a	29
	form capable of being converted to electricity	30
	in Queensland	31
	• the total capacity of devices that generate	32
	electricity that are owned by Queensland	33
	consumers	34

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- (c) any other matter the Minister considers relevant to achieving— 1
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(i) the strategic infrastructure path 3
objectives; or 4
(ii) the purposes of this Act. 5
- (10) Section 15(7)— 6
omit. 7
- (11) Section 15(5) and (6)— 8
renumber as section 15(4) and (5). 9

Clause 14 Amendment of s 16 (Review of infrastructure blueprint) 10

- (1) Section 16, heading, ‘infrastructure blueprint’— 11
omit, insert— 12
 system outlook 13
- (2) Section 16(1), (5) and (6), ‘infrastructure blueprint’— 14
omit, insert— 15
 system outlook 16
- (3) Section 16(1)(a), ‘2025’— 17
omit, insert— 18
 2027 19
- (4) Section 16(2) and (3), ‘infrastructure blueprint’— 20
omit, insert— 21
 system outlook or a part of the system outlook 22
- (5) Section 16(3)(a) and (b)— 23
omit. 24
- (6) Section 16(3)(d), ‘optimal infrastructure pathway objectives’— 25
omit, insert— 26
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	strategic infrastructure path objectives	1
(7)	Section 16(3)(c) to (g)—	2
	<i>renumber</i> as section 16(3)(a) to (e).	3
(8)	Section 16(4)—	4
	<i>omit, insert</i> —	5
	(4) After reviewing the system outlook or a part of the	6
	system outlook, the Minister may make a	7
	replacement system outlook.	8
(9)	Section 16(6), ‘Section 15(2) to (6)’—	9
	<i>omit, insert</i> —	10
	Section 15(2) to (5)	11

Clause 15	Amendment of s 18 (Definitions for part)	12
(1)	Section 18, definition <i>candidate priority transmission investment</i> , ‘section 21’—	13
	<i>omit, insert</i> —	14
	section 24(1)	15
(2)	Section 18, definition <i>identified need</i> , ‘a candidate priority transmission investment’—	16
	<i>omit, insert</i> —	17
	an eligible priority transmission investment,	18
	candidate priority transmission investment or	19
	priority transmission investment	20
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Clause 16	Amendment of s 19 (Reference to construction of candidate priority transmission investment or priority transmission investment)	23
(1)	Section 19, heading, from ‘candidate’—	24
	<i>omit, insert</i> —	25
	priority transmission investments etc.	26
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| | (2) Section 19, ‘of a candidate priority transmission investment or | 1 |
| | a’— | 2 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 3 |
| | of an eligible priority transmission investment, | 4 |
| | candidate priority transmission investment or | 5 |

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| Clause 17 | Amendment of s 20 (Eligible priority transmission investments) | 6
7 |
| | (1) Section 20(2), ‘responsible Ministers are’— | 8 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 9 |
| | Minister is | 10 |
| | (2) Section 20(2), ‘infrastructure blueprint’— | 11 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 12 |
| | system outlook | 13 |
| | (3) Section 20(2)(a) and (b)(iii), ‘optimal infrastructure | 14 |
| | pathway’— | 15 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 16 |
| | strategic infrastructure path | 17 |
| | (4) Section 20(2)(b)(i), ‘responsible Ministers have’— | 18 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 19 |
| | Minister has | 20 |
| | (5) Section 20(2)(b)(ii)— | 21 |
| | <i>omit.</i> | 22 |
| | (6) Section 20(2)(b)(iii)— | 23 |
| | <i>renumber</i> as section 20(2)(b)(ii). | 24 |

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| Clause 18 | Omission of s 21 (Candidate priority transmission investments) | 25
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| | Section 21— | 27 |

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omit. 1

Clause 19 Replacement of ss 22 and 23 2

Sections 22 and 23— 3

omit, insert— 4

22 Minister must consult before making declaration 5
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(1) This section applies if the Minister proposes to 7
make a declaration and give a direction under 8
section 24 for an eligible priority transmission 9
investment. 10

(2) Before making the declaration, the Minister must 11
consult with Powerlink and a suitably qualified 12
person about the proposed direction, including— 13

(a) the matters the direction may, or must, state 14
under section 24; and 15

(b) any other matter the Minister considers 16
appropriate. 17

(3) Without limiting subsection (2), the Minister 18
must consult with Powerlink about— 19

(a) the identified need for the eligible priority 20
transmission investment; and 21

(b) the anticipated date for commencing 22
construction of the investment; and 23

(c) the anticipated date for completion of 24
construction of the investment; and 25

(d) the appropriate assessment documents for 26
assessing the investment; and 27

(e) the minimum modifications to the 28
assessment documents likely to be 29
necessary or appropriate for the investment. 30

(4) Also, without limiting subsection (2), after 31
consulting with Powerlink about the matters 32

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	mentioned in subsection (3), the Minister must	1
	consult a suitably qualified person about—	2
	(a) whether the identified need for the eligible	3
	priority transmission investment proposed	4
	by Powerlink or the Minister has been	5
	sufficiently described; and	6
	(b) whether the assessment documents	7
	recommended by Powerlink or the Minister	8
	are appropriate; and	9
	(c) in relation to any modifications to the	10
	assessment documents recommended by	11
	Powerlink or the Minister, whether—	12
	(i) the modifications are appropriate; and	13
	(ii) the modifications are as minimal as is	14
	practical.	15
	(5) In consulting with a suitably qualified person	16
	about a matter under subsection (2), (3) or (4), the	17
	Minister is not limited by the matters the Minister	18
	consults with Powerlink about under this section.	19
Clause 20	Amendment of s 24 (Responsible Ministers may direct	20
	Powerlink to assess candidate priority transmission	21
	investment)	22
	(1) Section 24, heading—	23
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	24
	24 Minister may declare, and direct Powerlink to	25
	assess, candidate priority transmission	26
	investment	27
	(2) Section 24(1)—	28
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	29
	(1) If, after consulting with Powerlink and a suitably	30
	qualified person under section 22, the Minister	31
	decides that an eligible priority transmission	32
	investment should be assessed by Powerlink, the	33

[s 21]

	Minister may, by written notice given to	1
	Powerlink, declare the investment to be a	2
	candidate priority transmission investment.	3
(3)	Section 24(2), ‘The responsible Ministers may’—	4
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	5
	If the Minister makes a declaration under	6
	subsection (1), the Minister must immediately	7
(4)	Section 24(2)(b), ‘responsible Ministers stating’—	8
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	9
	Minister stating	10
(5)	Section 24(2)(b)(ii)(B), from ‘for the investment’—	11
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	12
	by the Minister in the direction; and	13
(6)	Section 24(2)(b)(iii), ‘responsible Ministers direct’—	14
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	15
	Minster directs	16
(7)	Section 24(4), ‘responsible Ministers’—	17
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	18
	Minister	19
(8)	Section 24(5), ‘responsible Ministers consider’—	20
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	21
	Minister considers	22

Clause 21	Amendment of s 25 (Responsible Ministers must seek	23
	advice about Powerlink’s report)	24
(1)	Section 25, heading, ‘Responsible Ministers’—	25
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	26
	Minister	27
(2)	Section 25(1), ‘responsible Ministers receive’—	28

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- omit, insert—* 1
- Minister receives 2
- (3) Section 25(1) and (2), ‘responsible Ministers must’— 3
- omit, insert—* 4
- Minister must 5
- (4) Section 25— 6
- insert—* 7
- (2A) The Minister may also seek advice from a suitably 8
qualified person about any other matter relevant 9
to whether a declaration should be made for the 10
candidate priority transmission investment under 11
section 26. 12
- (5) Section 25(3), from ‘subsection (2)’ to ‘Ministers’— 13
- omit, insert—* 14
- subsection (2) or (3) must state the date by which 15
the advice must be given to the Minister 16
- (6) Section 25(4)— 17
- omit, insert—* 18
- (4) If the Minister seeks advice from a suitably 19
qualified person under this section, the suitably 20
qualified person may ask Powerlink for any 21
information the person reasonably requires to 22
give their advice. 23
- (4A) Powerlink must, within a reasonable time, give 24
the requested information to the suitably qualified 25
person. 26
- (7) Section 25(5), from ‘responsible Ministers consider’ to 27
‘responsible Ministers may’— 28
- omit, insert—* 29
- Minister considers Powerlink has not assessed the 30
candidate priority transmission investment as 31
directed, the Minister may 32
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| (8) | Section 25(6), ‘(5)’— | 1 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 2 |
| | (7) | 3 |
| (9) | Section 25(2A) to (6)— | 4 |
| | <i>renumber</i> as section 25(3) to (8). | 5 |

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| Clause 22 | Insertion of new s 25A | 6 |
| | After section 25— | 7 |
| | <i>insert—</i> | 8 |
| | 25A Minister may request further information from Powerlink about report | 9 |
| | | 10 |
| | (1) Before a declaration is made under section 26 in relation to a candidate priority transmission investment, the Minister may request further information from Powerlink about— | 11 |
| | | 12 |
| | | 13 |
| | | 14 |
| | (a) the report given by Powerlink under section 24(2)(b); or | 15 |
| | | 16 |
| | (b) any other matter relevant to the making of a declaration, and giving of a direction, for the investment under section 26. | 17 |
| | | 18 |
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| | (2) The request must state the date by which the information must be given to the Minister. | 20 |
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| | (3) Powerlink must comply with the request. | 22 |

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| Clause 23 | Replacement of s 26 (Responsible Ministers may declare priority transmission investment) | 23 |
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| | Section 26— | 25 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 26 |

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| 26 | Responsible Ministers may declare, and direct Powerlink to construct, priority transmission investment | 1
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| (1) | This section applies if the responsible Ministers are satisfied— | 4
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| (a) | Powerlink has assessed a candidate priority transmission investment as directed under section 24; and | 6
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8 |
| (b) | it would be appropriate to construct the investment to address the identified need for the investment, as decided by the Minister in the direction given under section 24(4)(b), having regard to the following matters— | 9
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14 |
| (i) | the report given to the Minister by Powerlink for the investment under section 24; | 15
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| (ii) | advice given to the Minister by a suitably qualified person for the investment under section 25; | 18
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| (iii) | any further information given to the Minister by Powerlink under section 25A. | 21
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| (2) | The responsible Ministers may declare the candidate priority transmission investment to be a <i>priority transmission investment</i> to be constructed as directed under this section. | 24
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| (3) | The Minister must notify the making of the declaration in the gazette and publish the declaration on the department’s website. | 28
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| (4) | As soon as practicable after making the declaration, the responsible Ministers must direct Powerlink to construct the priority transmission investment. | 31
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| (5) | The direction must— | 35 |
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- (a) state an option to address the identified need for the priority transmission investment; and
 - (b) require Powerlink to construct the investment using the option stated under paragraph (a); and
 - (c) state the anticipated date decided by the responsible Ministers by which Powerlink will commence construction of the investment; and
 - (d) state the anticipated date for completion of construction of the investment decided by the responsible Ministers.
- (6) The stated option to address the identified need for the investment mentioned in subsection (5)(a) must be the same as the option proposed by Powerlink in the report given to the Minister under section 24(2)(b)(ii), unless—
 - (a) the Minister has requested further information in relation to the option under section 25A; and
 - (b) having regard to the matters stated in subsection (1), the responsible Ministers consider it would be appropriate to vary the option proposed by Powerlink under section 24(2)(b)(ii).
- (7) Powerlink must take all reasonable steps to—
 - (a) commence construction of the priority transmission investment using the option to address the identified need stated in the direction by the anticipated date mentioned in subsection (5)(c); and
 - (b) complete construction of the investment by the anticipated date mentioned in subsection (5)(d).
- (8) If there is an inconsistency between subsection (7)

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	and section 30(1), subsection (7) prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.	1 2
	(9) To remove any doubt, it is declared that Powerlink is not prevented from designing the infrastructure the subject of the priority transmission investment, or acquiring land associated with construction of the investment, before the investment is declared under subsection (2) or a direction is given in relation to the investment under subsection (4).	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
Clause 24	Omission of s 27 (Responsible Ministers must direct Powerlink to construct priority transmission investment)	11 12
	Section 27—	13
	<i>omit.</i>	14
Clause 25	Amendment of s 29 (PTI guidelines)	15
	(1) Section 29(1), ‘responsible Ministers’—	16
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	17
	Minister	18
	(2) Section 29(1), after ‘Powerlink,’—	19
	<i>insert—</i>	20
	or consulting with	21
	(3) Section 29—	22
	<i>insert—</i>	23
	(1A) If the Minister is not the Treasurer, the Minister must, before approving the guidelines under subsection (1), consult with the Treasurer about any guidelines relating to the Treasurer.	24 25 26 27
	(4) Section 29(5)(b), ‘the making of a request for advice from’—	28
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	29

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	consultation with, or the making of a request for advice from,	1 2
(5)	Section 29(1A) to (5)— <i>renumber</i> as section 29(2) to (6).	3 4
Clause 26	Amendment of s 30 (Compliance with directions) Section 30(1), after ‘by the’— <i>insert</i> — Minister or	5 6 7 8
Clause 27	Amendment of s 31 (Information given to suitably qualified person) Section 31, ‘Minister or Treasurer’— <i>omit, insert</i> — Minister or, if the Minister is not the Treasurer, the Minister or Treasurer	9 10 11 12 13 14
Clause 28	Amendment of s 32 (Advice to Minister or Treasurer) Section 32(1) and (2), ‘Minister or Treasurer’— <i>omit, insert</i> — Minister or, if the Minister is not the Treasurer, the Minister or Treasurer,	15 16 17 18 19
Clause 29	Omission of s 34 (Expiry) Section 34— <i>omit.</i>	20 21 22
Clause 30	Replacement of pt 6, hdg (Renewable energy zones) Part 6, heading—	23 24

omit, insert—

Part 6 Regional energy hubs

Clause 31 Amendment of s 35 (Purposes of part)

(1) Section 35(a) and (b)—

omit, insert—

(a) to provide for suitable parts of Queensland regions to be declared to be regional energy hubs; and

(b) to ensure relevant matters are taken into account in the declaration of regional energy hubs, including, for example, the impact of the declaration on Queensland communities; and

(2) Section 35(c), ‘renewable energy zones’—

omit, insert—

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(3) Section 35(c)(ii), ‘will’—

omit, insert—

are likely to

(4) Section 35(d), ‘renewable energy zones’—

omit, insert—

regional energy hubs

Clause 32 Amendment of s 36 (Definitions for part)

(1) Section 36, definitions *management plan, participant, regulate, relevant transmission network service provider, renewable energy zone or REZ, REZ assessment, REZ controlled assets, REZ declaration, REZ delivery body, REZ transmission network and transmission asset—*

omit.

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(2) Section 36—	1
<i>insert—</i>	2
hub controlled assets , for a regional energy hub,	3
means transmission assets that—	4
(a) materially affect, or are likely to materially	5
affect, the capacity or functioning of the hub	6
transmission network for the hub; and	7
(b) are outside the hub or inside the hub but not	8
part of the hub transmission network for the	9
hub; and	10
(c) are identified in the hub declaration for the	11
hub as hub controlled assets for the hub.	12
hub declaration means the regulation under	13
section 38 declaring a part of a Queensland region	14
to be a regional energy hub.	15
hub design body —	16
(a) generally, means an entity appointed to be a	17
hub design body under section 75; and	18
(b) in relation to a particular regional energy	19
hub, means the hub design body that	20
recommended the hub be declared.	21
hub transmission network , for a regional energy	22
hub, means the transmission network, or a part of	23
a transmission network, that is—	24
(a) in the hub; and	25
(b) identified in the hub declaration for the hub	26
as the hub transmission network for the hub.	27
management plan , for a regional energy hub,	28
means a management plan for the hub approved	29
under section 47.	30
participant , for a regional energy hub, means an	31
entity that has entered into a connection	32
agreement for connection and access to the hub	33

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transmission network for the hub with the
transmission network service provider.

regional energy hub means a part of a
Queensland region that is declared under section
38 to be a regional energy hub.

regulate, in relation to connection and access to
the hub transmission network or hub controlled
assets for a regional energy hub, means authorise,
prohibit, restrict or otherwise regulate.

relevant transmission network service provider,
for hub controlled assets for a regional energy
hub, means the transmission network service
provider for the transmission system of which the
hub controlled assets are a component.

(3) Section 36, definition *transmission network service provider*,
paragraph (b)—

omit, insert—

(b) in relation to a particular regional energy
hub, means Powerlink in its capacity as the
Transmission Network Service Provider for
the hub transmission network for the hub.

Clause 33 **Amendment of s 38 (Declaration of renewable energy zone)**

(1) Section 38, heading, ‘renewable energy zone’—

omit, insert—

regional energy hub

(2) Section 38(1), from ‘Queensland’—

omit, insert—

a Queensland region to be a regional energy hub.

(3) Section 38(2)(a), before ‘only’—

insert—

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| | if the Minister is not the Treasurer, | 1 |
| (4) | Section 38(2)(b), from ‘REZ delivery’ to ‘zone and’— | 2 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 3 |
| | hub design body has recommended the part of the | 4 |
| | Queensland region be declared to be a regional | 5 |
| | energy hub and | 6 |
| (5) | Section 38(2)(b)(i), from ‘Queensland’ to ‘zone’— | 7 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 8 |
| | the region is suitable to be a regional energy hub | 9 |
| (6) | Section 38(3)(a)— | 10 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 11 |
| | (a) identify— | 12 |
| | (i) the Queensland region in which the | 13 |
| | regional energy hub is located; and | 14 |
| | (ii) the geographic boundary of the | 15 |
| | regional energy hub; and | 16 |
| (7) | Section 38(3)(b) and (c)(i), ‘renewable energy zone’— | 17 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 18 |
| | regional energy hub | 19 |
| (8) | Section 38(3)(c)(ii), from ‘REZ’ to ‘zone’— | 20 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 21 |
| | hub transmission network for the regional energy | 22 |
| | hub | 23 |
| (9) | Section 38(3)(c)(iii)— | 24 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 25 |
| | (iii) the existing or proposed transmission assets | 26 |
| | that are hub controlled assets for the | 27 |
| | regional energy hub; and | 28 |
| (10) | Section 38(3)(d) and (4), from ‘REZ’ to ‘zone’— | 29 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 30 |

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	hub transmission network for the regional energy	1
	hub	2
Clause 34	Amendment of s 39 (Term of declaration and restriction on amendment or repeal)	3 4
	(1) Section 39(1) and (2), ‘REZ declaration’—	5
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	6
	hub declaration	7
	(2) Section 39(2)(a), before ‘only’—	8
	<i>insert—</i>	9
	if the Minister is not the Treasurer,	10
	(3) Section 39(2)(b)(i), ‘REZ’—	11
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	12
	regional energy hub	13
Clause 35	Amendment of s 40 (Performance of functions under division)	14 15
	(1) Section 40(a) and (b)—	16
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	17
	(a) the system outlook; and	18
	(b) the impact that the development and	19
	operation of a transmission network in a	20
	regional energy hub has, or is likely to have,	21
	on communities, including, for example,	22
	Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait	23
	Islander peoples; and	24
	(2) Section 40(c), example, from ‘REZ delivery body’—	25
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	26
	hub design body or another entity obtained by the Minister	27
	or Treasurer in relation to the regional energy hub	28

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Clause 36	Amendment of s 41 (Content generally)	1
	(1) Section 41(1), ‘a REZ’—	2
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	3
	a regional energy hub	4
	(2) Section 41(1)(b), ‘REZ’—	5
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	6
	hub	7
	(3) Section 41(1)(c)(i) and (ii)—	8
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	9
	(i) the Queensland region in which the hub is located; and	10
	(ii) the geographic boundary of the hub; and	11
	(4) Section 41(1)(c)(iii) and (iv) and (d)(i) and (ii), ‘REZ’—	13
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	14
	hub	15
	(5) Section 41(1)(d)(i) and (ii)—	16
	<i>renumber</i> as section 41(1)(d)(ii) and (iii).	17
	(6) Section 41(1)(d)—	18
	<i>insert—</i>	19
	(i) the term of the declaration of the hub under section 38(3)(d);	20
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Clause 37	Amendment of s 42 (Information about REZ transmission network)	22
	(1) Section 42, heading, ‘REZ’—	23
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	24
	hub	25
	(2) Section 42(1), ‘a REZ’—	26
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	27
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| | a regional energy hub | 1 |
| (3) | Section 42(1), ‘REZ transmission network for the REZ’— | 2 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 3 |
| | hub transmission network for the hub | 4 |
| (4) | Section 42(1)(a), before ‘timing’— | 5 |
| | <i>insert—</i> | 6 |
| | proposed | 7 |
| (5) | Section 42(1)(a) and (b), ‘REZ transmission network’— | 8 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 9 |
| | hub transmission network | 10 |
| (6) | Section 42(1)(b)(ii), from ‘renewable’ to ‘REZ’— | 11 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 12 |
| | energy source is available in the hub | 13 |
| (7) | Section 42(1)(b)(v)(A) and (B)— | 14 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 15 |
| | (A) the making, processing and assessing of | 16 |
| | applications or enquiries for the connection | 17 |
| | and access, including the timeframes for | 18 |
| | processing the applications or enquiries and | 19 |
| | the functions of AEMO in assessing the | 20 |
| | applications or enquiries; and | 21 |
| | (B) fees and charges payable for applications or | 22 |
| | enquiries mentioned in subsubparagraph | 23 |
| | (A), including fees and charges for | 24 |
| | negotiating access standards under section | 25 |
| | 55 in relation to the connection and access; | 26 |
| | and | 27 |
| (8) | Section 42(1)(c)— | 28 |
| | <i>omit.</i> | 29 |
| (9) | Section 42(1)(d) and (e), ‘REZ’— | 30 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 31 |
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	hub	1
(10)	Section 42(1)(d) and (e)—	2
	<i>renumber</i> as section 42(1)(c) and (d).	3
(11)	Section 42(2)—	4
	<i>omit, insert</i> —	5
(2)	The fees and charges mentioned in subsection (1)(b)(v)(B)—	6
	(a) must not be more than the reasonable cost of performing the functions to which the fees and charges relate; and	7
	(b) must include fees and charges payable to AEMO for performing its functions in relation to the applications or enquiries.	8
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Clause 38	Replacement of s 44 (Application of subdivision)	14
	Section 44—	15
	<i>omit, insert</i> —	16
	44 Application of subdivision	17
	This subdivision applies if a hub design body is proposing to recommend to the Minister that a part of a Queensland region be declared to be a regional energy hub.	18
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	<i>Note</i> —	22
	See subdivision 4 in relation to the application of this subdivision for replacing a management plan for a regional energy hub.	23
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Clause 39	Amendment of s 46 (Consultation on draft management plan)	26
	(1) Section 46(1)(a), ‘REZ’—	27
	<i>omit, insert</i> —	28
	regional energy hub	29
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| (2) | Section 46(1)(b)(i), ‘REZ delivery body’— | 1 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 2 |
| | hub design body | 3 |
| (3) | Section 46(2)— | 4 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 5 |
| | (2) The period mentioned in subsection (1)(b)(i) must | 6 |
| | be at least 60 days after the draft management | 7 |
| | plan is published under subsection (1)(a). | 8 |
| (4) | Section 46(3), (4) and (5), ‘REZ delivery body’— | 9 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 10 |
| | hub design body | 11 |

Clause 40	Amendment of s 48 (Amendment of management plan)	12
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| (1) | Section 48(1), ‘a REZ’— | 13 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 14 |
| | a regional energy hub | 15 |
| (2) | Section 48(2), ‘REZ delivery body’— | 16 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 17 |
| | hub design body | 18 |
| (3) | Section 48(2)(b), from ‘or (c)(i)’ to ‘for the REZ’— | 19 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 20 |
| | , (c) or (d)(i) to reflect an amendment of the hub | 21 |
| | declaration for the regional energy hub | 22 |
| (4) | Section 48(2)(c), from ‘REZ transmission’ — | 23 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 24 |
| | hub transmission network or hub controlled assets | 25 |
| | for the regional energy hub; or | 26 |
| (5) | Section 48(3), ‘REZ delivery body’— | 27 |
| | <i>omit, insert—</i> | 28 |

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hub design body	1
(6) Section 48(3) and (4), ‘REZ declaration for the REZ’—	2
omit, insert—	3
hub declaration for the regional energy hub	4
(7) Section 48(4), ‘REZ transmission network or REZ controlled assets for the REZ’—	5
omit, insert—	6
hub transmission network or hub controlled assets for the hub	7
(8) Section 48(5)(b) and (6), ‘REZ’—	8
omit, insert—	9
regional energy hub	10
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Clause 41	Replacement of pt 6, div 4 (REZ assessment)	13
	Part 6, division 4—	14
	omit, insert—	15
	Subdivision 4 Replacement management plan	16
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	49 Replacement management plan	18
	(1) The hub design body may replace a management plan for a regional energy hub (the <i>existing management plan</i>) with a new management plan for the hub (the <i>replacement management plan</i>).	19
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	(2) Subdivisions 2 and 3 apply in relation to the replacement management plan, subject to subsections (3) to (5).	23
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	(3) The Minister must ensure the following information is also published under section 46(1)(a) with the draft replacement management plan—	26
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- (a) the changes between the existing management plan and the draft replacement management plan; 1 2 3
 - (b) that submissions to the hub design body about the draft replacement management plan may be made only about a change mentioned in paragraph (a). 4 5 6 7
 - (4) The period mentioned in section 46(1)(b)(i) must be a reasonable period decided by the Minister having regard to the nature of the changes mentioned in subsection (3)(a). 8 9 10 11
 - (5) For applying section 46(3) to the draft replacement management plan— 12 13
 - (a) the hub design body— 14
 - (i) must consider each submission to the extent it relates to a change mentioned in subsection (3)(a); and 15 16 17
 - (ii) may, but is not required to, consider a submission to the extent it relates to a matter other than a change mentioned in subsection (3)(a); and 18 19 20 21
 - (b) the reference to submissions in section 46(3)(c)(ii) is taken to be a reference to submissions to the extent they are considered by the hub design body under paragraph (a). 22 23 24 25 26

- Clause 42 Amendment of s 53 (Definitions for division)** 27
- (1) Section 53, definition *access standard*— 28
 - omit.* 29
 - (2) Section 53— 30
 - insert—* 31
 - access standard*, for the hub transmission 32
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	network for a regional energy hub, means a	1
	standard of performance for a technical	2
	requirement of access for plant connected, or to be	3
	connected, to the transmission network.	4
	connection and access process , for the hub	5
	transmission network for a regional energy hub,	6
	means the process for entering into a connection	7
	agreement stated in the management plan for the	8
	hub under section 42(1)(b)(v).	9
(3)	Section 53, definition <i>eligible entity</i> , paragraph (a) and	10
	definition <i>eligible project</i> , paragraph (a), ‘the REZ’—	11
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	12
	the hub	13
(4)	Section 53, definition <i>eligible entity</i> , paragraph (a) and	14
	definition <i>eligible project</i> , paragraph (a), ‘a REZ’—	15
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	16
	a regional energy hub	17
(5)	Section 53, definition <i>eligible entity</i> , paragraph (b) and	18
	definition <i>eligible project</i> , paragraph (b), ‘REZ controlled	19
	assets for a REZ’—	20
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	21
	hub controlled assets for a regional energy hub	22
(6)	Section 53, definition <i>eligible entity</i> , paragraph (b) and	23
	definition <i>eligible project</i> , paragraph (b), ‘the REZ’—	24
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	25
	the hub	26
Clause 43	Amendment of s 54 (Restriction on connection and	27
	access to REZ transmission network)	28
(1)	Section 54, heading, ‘REZ’—	29
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	30
	hub	31

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| (2) Section 54(1) and (2), ‘REZ transmission network for a REZ’— | 1
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| <i>omit, insert</i> — | 3 |
| hub transmission network for a regional energy hub | 4
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| (3) Section 54(2)(c)— | 6 |
| <i>omit, insert</i> — | 7 |
| (c) only in accordance with the connection and access process for the transmission network. | 8
9 |
| (4) Section 54(3), ‘REZ transmission network for a REZ’— | 10 |
| <i>omit, insert</i> — | 11 |
| hub transmission network for a regional energy hub | 12
13 |
| (5) Section 54(3)(a), ‘REZ’— | 14 |
| <i>omit, insert</i> — | 15 |
| hub | 16 |
| (6) Section 54(4), ‘REZ transmission network for a REZ’— | 17 |
| <i>omit, insert</i> — | 18 |
| hub transmission network for a regional energy hub | 19
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| (7) Section 54(5)— | 21 |
| <i>omit.</i> | 22 |

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| Clause 44 | Amendment of s 55 (Negotiated access standards) | 23 |
| (1) Section 55(1), ‘proposed participant for a REZ’— | | 24 |
| <i>omit, insert</i> — | | 25 |
| relevant entity for a regional energy hub | | 26 |
| (2) Section 55(1) and (2)(a)(ii), ‘the REZ’— | | 27 |
| <i>omit, insert</i> — | | 28 |

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	the hub	1
(3)	Section 55(2)(a)(ii), ‘individual proposed participants’—	2
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	3
	a particular relevant entity	4
(4)	Section 55(2)—	5
	<i>insert—</i>	6
	(c) arrangements for access standards for	7
	technical requirements for plant connected	8
	or to be connected, to the hub transmission	9
	network for a regional energy hub, under	10
	subdivision 3 or 4.	11
(5)	Section 55(3)—	12
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	13
	(3) An access standard negotiated under this section	14
	is taken to be—	15
	(a) an agreed standard of performance	16
	determined in accordance with the National	17
	Electricity Rules; and	18
	(b) if included in a connection agreement—a	19
	negotiated access standard for the purposes	20
	of the National Electricity Rules.	21
	(4) In this section—	22
	<i>relevant entity</i> , for a regional energy hub, means	23
	an entity who proposes to be, or is, a participant	24
	for the hub.	25

Clause 45	Replacement of s 68 (Purpose of division)	26
	Section 68—	27
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	28
	68 Purpose of division	29
	(1) This division provides a framework for the	30

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recovery of costs associated with the hub
transmission network for a regional energy hub
incurred by the transmission network service
provider or AEMO.

- (2) The framework provides for the costs to be
recovered from the participants for the regional
energy hub in the first instance.

Clause 46 Amendment of s 69 (Definitions for division)

- (1) Section 69, definitions *establishment and operational costs*
and *REZ assessment costs*—
omit.

- (2) Section 69—
insert—

application fees and charges, in relation to the
hub transmission network for a regional energy
hub, means fees and charges stated in the
management plan for the hub under section
42(1)(b)(v)(B).

establishment and operational costs, for the hub
transmission network for a regional energy hub,
see section 69A.

Clause 47 Insertion of new s 69A

After section 69—
insert—

69A Meaning of *establishment and operational costs*

- (1) The ***establishment and operational costs***, for the
hub transmission network for a regional energy
hub, are the costs reasonably and prudently
incurred by the transmission network service
provider for providing the transmission network.

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| (2) For subsection (1)— | 1 |
| (a) it does not matter whether the costs are | 2 |
| incurred before or after the hub declaration | 3 |
| for the regional energy hub was made; and | 4 |
| (b) subject to paragraph (c), costs incurred by | 5 |
| the transmission network service provider | 6 |
| for any of the following matters are taken to | 7 |
| be incurred for providing the hub | 8 |
| transmission network— | 9 |
| (i) preparing a management plan in the | 10 |
| service provider’s capacity as a hub | 11 |
| design body; | 12 |
| (ii) constructing, maintaining and | 13 |
| operating the transmission network; | 14 |
| (iii) any other function under this part in | 15 |
| relation to the transmission network, | 16 |
| including a function performed in the | 17 |
| service provider’s capacity as a hub | 18 |
| design body; and | 19 |
| (c) costs incurred by the transmission network | 20 |
| service provider for performing functions | 21 |
| for which application fees and charges are | 22 |
| payable are taken not to be incurred for | 23 |
| providing the hub transmission network. | 24 |
| (3) Also, in this section, a reference to costs incurred | 25 |
| by the transmission network service provider is | 26 |
| taken to be a reference to any costs, expenses or | 27 |
| other financial outgoings incurred by the service | 28 |
| provider, including, for example— | 29 |
| (a) payments to investors to provide a return on | 30 |
| capital; and | 31 |
| (b) depreciation of assets; and | 32 |
| (c) government taxes, fees or charges; and | 33 |
| (d) fees for legal, financial, technical or other | 34 |
| expert advice. | 35 |
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	<i>Example of other expert advice—</i>	1
	advice from AEMO	2
Clause 48	Amendment of s 70 (Fees and charges for connection and access to REZ transmission network)	3 4
	(1) Section 70, heading, ‘REZ’—	5
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	6
	hub	7
	(2) Section 70(1), ‘REZ transmission network for a REZ’—	8
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	9
	hub transmission network for a regional energy	10
	hub	11
	(3) Section 70(2)—	12
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	13
	(2) Fees and charges payable by a participant for	14
	connection and access to the hub transmission	15
	network do not include fees and charges for	16
	matters for which application fees and charges are	17
	payable.	18
	(2A) The amount of the fees and charges—	19
	(a) must include an amount representing the	20
	participant’s contribution to AEMO’s costs	21
	incurred for performing functions under this	22
	Act, other than functions for which	23
	application fees and charges are payable;	24
	and	25
	<i>Example of a function for paragraph (a)—</i>	26
	a function of AEMO under a regulation under	27
	section 55(2), other than a function for which	28
	application fees and charges are payable	29
	(b) may include an amount representing the	30
	participant’s contribution to the	31

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	establishment and operational costs for the	1
	hub transmission network.	2
(4)	Section 70(3), ‘REZ’—	3
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	4
	hub	5
(5)	Section 70(2A) and (3)—	6
	<i>renumber</i> as section 70(3) and (4).	7
(6)	Section 70—	8
	<i>insert—</i>	9
	(5) Subsection (4) does not affect the application fees	10
	and charges payable in relation to the hub	11
	transmission network.	12

Clause 49	Amendment of s 71 (Responsible Ministers may allow cost recovery through charges for prescribed transmission services)	13
		14
		15
(1)	Section 71(1), ‘REZ transmission network for a REZ’—	16
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	17
	hub transmission network for a regional energy	18
	hub	19
(2)	Section 71(1)(c)(ii), after ‘section 70’—	20
	<i>insert—</i>	21
	or otherwise	22
(3)	Section 71—	23
	<i>insert—</i>	24
	(1A) The amount of the shortfall must be worked out	25
	using—	26
	(a) the present value of the establishment and	27
	operational costs, taking into account any	28
	inflation since any of the costs were	29
	incurred; and	30

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- (b) the present value of the fees and charges
paid by participants under section 70 or
otherwise, taking into account any inflation
since the fees and charges were paid; and
- (c) the present value of the fees and charges that
will be payable by participants under section
70 or otherwise in the future, disregarding
any future inflation.
- (4) Section 71(2), ‘and with’—
omit, insert—
and, if the Minister is not the Treasurer, with
- (5) Section 71(3), after paragraph (a)—
insert—
(aa) if, under subsection (2), the amount of the
shortfall is worked out using the present
value of an amount mentioned in the
subsection—the way the present value is
worked out; and
- (6) Section 71(3)—
insert—
(ba) how the amount mentioned in paragraph (a)
may be adjusted over the period mentioned
in paragraph (c) to allow for future inflation;
and
- (7) Section 71(3)(aa) to (d)—
renumber as section 71(3)(b) to (f).
- (8) Section 71(4), ‘subsection (2)’—
omit, insert—
subsection (3)
- (9) Section 71(1A) to (4)—
renumber as section 71(2) to (5).
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Clause	50	Omission of pt 6, div 6, sdiv 3 (Costs associated with REZ assessment)	1 2
		Part 6, division 6, subdivision 3—	3
		<i>omit.</i>	4
Clause	51	Replacement of pt 6, div 7, hdg (REZ delivery body)	5
		Part 6, division 7, heading—	6
		<i>omit, insert—</i>	7
		Division 7 Hub design body	8
Clause	52	Amendment of s 75 (Appointment)	9
		Section 75, ‘REZ delivery body’—	10
		<i>omit, insert—</i>	11
		hub design body	12
Clause	53	Amendment of s 76 (Functions)	13
		(1) Section 76(1)—	14
		<i>omit, insert—</i>	15
		(1) The functions of a hub design body are—	16
		(a) to identify parts of Queensland regions that	17
		are suitable to be a regional energy hub and	18
		make recommendations to the Minister for	19
		the parts to be declared to be a regional	20
		energy hub; and	21
		(b) to assess parts of Queensland regions	22
		identified in the system outlook as possibly	23
		suitable to be a regional energy hub, and	24
		decide whether to make recommendations	25
		to the Minister for the parts to be declared to	26
		be a regional energy hub; and	27

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	(c) to develop a management plan in accordance with division 3 for each part of a Queensland region the hub design body recommends to the Minister to be declared to be a regional energy hub; and	1 2 3 4 5
	(d) to perform any other function for this part prescribed by regulation.	6 7
	(2) Section 76(2) and (3), ‘REZ delivery body’— <i>omit, insert—</i> hub design body	8 9 10
Clause 54	Omission of s 81 (Minister must publish notice of REZ delivery body’s decision not to recommend REZ declaration) Section 81— <i>omit.</i>	11 12 13 14 15
Clause 55	Amendment of s 82 (Transmission network or part stops being REZ transmission network or part)	16 17
	(1) Section 82, heading, ‘REZ’— <i>omit, insert—</i> hub	18 19 20
	(2) Section 82(1), ‘a REZ transmission network or a part of a REZ transmission network for a REZ’— <i>omit, insert—</i> the hub transmission network or a part of the hub transmission network for a regional energy hub	21 22 23 24 25
	(3) Section 82(1)(a) to (c), ‘REZ’— <i>omit, insert—</i> hub	26 27 28
	(4) Section 82(3)(a), from ‘network continues’—	29

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<i>omit, insert—</i>	1
network—	2
(i) continues to be an agreed standard of performance determined in accordance with the National Electricity Rules; and	3 4 5
(ii) if included in a connection agreement—is taken to be a negotiated access standard for the purposes of the National Electricity Rules; and	6 7 8 9

Clause 56	Amendment of s 89 (Purposes of fund)	10
(1)	Section 89(b), ‘optimal infrastructure pathway objectives’—	11
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	12
	strategic infrastructure path objectives	13
(2)	Section 89(c)—	14
	<i>omit.</i>	15

Clause 57	Amendment of s 90 (Payments from fund)	16
(1)	Section 90(3)(d)—	17
	<i>omit.</i>	18
(2)	Section 90(3)(e)—	19
	<i>renumber</i> as section 90(3)(d).	20
(3)	Section 90(6), ‘and the council’—	21
	<i>omit.</i>	22

Clause 58	Replacement of pt 8 (Queensland Energy System Advisory Board)	23 24
	Part 8—	25
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	26

Part 8	CopperString project	1
Division 1	Preliminary	2
93	Purpose of part	3
	The purpose of this part is to facilitate and support the delivery of the CopperString project by—	4 5
	(a) identifying and declaring stages of the project to which this part applies; and	6 7
	(b) providing for financial matters associated with a declared stage to enable the stage to be delivered in an efficient and coordinated way.	8 9 10 11
94	Definitions for part	12
	In this part—	13
	<i>CopperString project</i> see section 95.	14
	<i>declared stage</i> , of the CopperString project, means an identified stage of the project declared to be a declared stage of the project under section 98.	15 16 17 18
	<i>forecast capital expenditure</i> has the same meaning as the term has in the National Electricity Rules.	19 20 21
	<i>forecast operating expenditure</i> has the same meaning as the term has in the National Electricity Rules.	22 23 24
	<i>identified stage</i> , of the CopperString project, means a stage of the project identified under section 96.	25 26 27
	<i>proponent</i> , for a stage of the CopperString project, means the person who is or will be the	28 29

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transmission network service provider for the 1
stage. 2
stage, of the CopperString project, means a part of 3
the transmission network that is the subject of the 4
project. 5

95 What is the *CopperString* project 6

The *CopperString project* is the project known as 7
CopperString— 8
(a) involving the construction of a transmission 9
network, and associated infrastructure, to 10
connect Mount Isa to the national 11
transmission grid near Woodstock; and 12
(b) the delivery of which the State has agreed to 13
facilitate and support. 14

**Division 2 Identification and 15
declaration of stage 16**

96 Identifying stage suitable for declaration 17

- (1) The responsible Ministers may identify a stage of 18
the CopperString project that may be suitable to 19
be a declared stage of the project. 20
(2) The Minister must publish on the department’s 21
website— 22
(a) notice of each identified stage of the 23
CopperString project; and 24
(b) details of the scope of the work involved in 25
the identified stage of which the responsible 26
Ministers are aware at the time the stage is 27
identified under subsection (1). 28

97 Obtaining advice from appropriately qualified person

- (1) As soon as practicable after identifying a stage of the CopperString project under section 96, the responsible Ministers must obtain advice about the following matters from an appropriately qualified person—
 - (a) the efficient costs of each of the following that may be incurred or expected to be incurred by a person who is or will be the transmission network service provider for the identified stage—
 - (i) constructing the identified stage;
 - (ii) operating the identified stage for a period, decided by the responsible Ministers, of at least 5 years;
 - (b) the amount of forecast capital expenditure and forecast operating expenditure for the identified stage that would be consistent with the efficient costs mentioned in paragraph (a);
 - (c) any other matter the responsible Ministers need advice about to make a declaration under section 98.
- (2) A request for advice under subsection (1) must state the date by which the advice must be given to the responsible Ministers.
- (3) For the purpose of obtaining the advice, the Minister or Treasurer may give the appropriately qualified person any information held by the Minister or Treasurer, including, for example, information received under section 101.

Note—

See section 173 for the restriction on a person disclosing or using information obtained under this section.

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98 Declaration of stage	1
(1) This section applies if, having regard to advice obtained under section 97 about an identified stage of the CopperString project, the responsible Ministers—	2 3 4 5
(a) have identified the efficient costs of each of the following that may be incurred by a person in the proponent’s circumstances—	6 7 8
(i) constructing the identified stage;	9
(ii) operating the identified stage for a period, decided by the responsible Ministers, of at least 5 years; and	10 11 12
(b) are satisfied it is necessary and appropriate to declare the stage to be a declared stage of the CopperString project to achieve the purpose of this part by enabling the stage to be delivered in an efficient and coordinated way.	13 14 15 16 17 18
(2) The Minister may, by notice, declare the identified stage of the CopperString project to be a declared stage of the project.	19 20 21
(3) The declaration must—	22
(a) identify—	23
(i) the proponent; and	24
(ii) the scope of the work involved in the declared stage; and	25 26
(b) state the following amounts that are to be used to make or amend a transmission determination as mentioned in section 99(1)—	27 28 29 30
(i) the forecast capital expenditure for the declared stage;	31 32

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- (ii) the forecast operating expenditure for the declared stage for the first 5 years of operating the stage; and
 - (c) include any other matter prescribed by regulation.
- (4) The forecast capital expenditure or forecast operating expenditure stated in the declaration under subsection (3)(b) must be consistent with the efficient costs of constructing and operating the stage mentioned in subsection (1)(a).
- (5) A notice under subsection (2) is subordinate legislation.

Division 3 Financial matters associated with declared stage

- 99 Regulation-making power in relation to financial matters associated with declared stage**
- (1) The transmission determination, for the proponent of a declared stage of the CopperString project, that first applies to the stage must be—
 - (a) made in the way, and in accordance with the requirements, prescribed by regulation; or
 - (b) if an existing transmission determination for the proponent is to be amended to apply to the stage—amended in the way, and in accordance with the requirements, prescribed by regulation.
 - (2) A regulation made under subsection (1) may provide for matters to facilitate the making or amendment of the transmission determination, including, for example—

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- (a) declaring a regulatory control period for the proponent that is different from the regulatory control period that would apply under the National Electricity Rules; and
 - (b) declaring transmission services provided by the proponent in relation to the declared stage that are, or are taken to be, prescribed transmission services; and
 - (c) declaring, and providing for the adjustment of, the proponent's regulatory asset base; and
 - (d) declaring the revenue that the proponent may earn for providing prescribed transmission services, or the way the revenue may be worked out.
- (3) A regulation may provide for matters to facilitate the making of a transmission determination for the proponent of the declared stage, under the national electricity laws, for a regulatory control period starting after the regulatory control period to which the transmission determination mentioned in subsection (1) applies, including, for example—
 - (a) declaring, and providing for the adjustment of, the proponent's regulatory asset base; and
 - (b) declaring the proponent's forecast capital expenditure for the declared stage for the purpose of making the transmission determination.
- (4) The Minister may recommend to the Governor in Council the making of a regulation under this section only if the Minister is satisfied the regulation is necessary and appropriate to achieve the purpose of this part by enabling the declared stage to be delivered in an efficient and coordinated way.

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- (5) In this section— 1
regulatory control period has the meaning given 2
by the National Electricity Rules. 3

100 Relationship with national electricity laws 4

- (1) It is the intention of Parliament that a regulation 5
under section 99 applies despite anything stated in 6
the national electricity laws. 7
- (2) It is also the intention of Parliament that the 8
national electricity laws continue to apply in 9
relation to a declared stage of the CopperString 10
project to the extent the national electricity laws 11
are not inconsistent with a regulation under 12
section 99. 13
- (3) Subsection (4) applies in relation to a provision of 14
a regulation under section 99 that provides for a 15
matter relating to a declared stage of the 16
CopperString project to which the national 17
electricity laws apply or would otherwise apply. 18
- (4) A regulation— 19
- (a) may provide for the application of a 20
provision of the national electricity laws (a 21
national provision) in relation to the 22
declared stage; and 23
- (b) for that purpose, may— 24
- (i) provide that a national provision does 25
not apply in relation to a matter or 26
applies in relation to a matter with 27
stated modifications; and 28
- (ii) state how other provisions of the 29
national electricity laws apply in 30
relation to a matter having regard to a 31
national provision not applying or 32
applying with stated modifications in 33
relation to the matter. 34

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Division 4	Other matters	1
101 Minister or Treasurer may obtain information for performing function		2 3
(1) This section applies if the Minister or Treasurer has reason to believe a person has information the Minister or Treasurer requires to perform a function under this part, including a function performed by the responsible Ministers.		4 5 6 7 8
<i>Example of a person who may have information mentioned in subsection (1)—</i>		9 10
a person who is or may be the proponent or proposed proponent for a stage of the CopperString project		11 12
(2) The Minister or Treasurer may, by written notice given to the person, require the person to give the information to the Minister or Treasurer.		13 14 15
(3) A notice under subsection (2) must state—		16
(a) the information the Minister or Treasurer requires; and		17 18
(b) the way the information must be given; and		19
(c) the date by which the information must be given to the Minister or Treasurer.		20 21
(4) A person who is given a notice under subsection (2) must comply with the notice unless the person has a reasonable excuse.		22 23 24
Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.		25
(5) It is a reasonable excuse for an individual not to comply with a notice given under subsection (2) if complying with the notice might tend to incriminate the individual or expose the individual to a penalty.		26 27 28 29 30
(6) A person may disclose information to the Minister or Treasurer under this section despite anything in the national electricity laws.		31 32 33

	(7) A person who complies with a notice under subsection (2) incurs no liability for breach of contract, breach of confidence or any other civil wrong for the compliance.	1 2 3 4
	(8) The Minister or Treasurer—	5
	(a) may use information obtained by the Minister or Treasurer under this section for performing a function under this part, including a function performed by the responsible Ministers; and	6 7 8 9 10
	(b) may disclose information obtained under this section to another person for the purpose of the other person performing a function of the other person under this part.	11 12 13 14
	(9) Subsection (8) does not limit section 173.	15
Clause 59	Omission of pt 9 (Energy Industry Council)	16
	Part 9—	17
	<i>omit.</i>	18
Clause 60	Omission of pt 10 (Queensland Renewable Energy Jobs Advocate)	19 20
	Part 10—	21
	<i>omit.</i>	22
Clause 61	Amendment of s 171 (Definition for division)	23
	(1) Section 171, definition <i>official</i> , paragraphs (d) to (g)—	24
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	25
	(d) a hub design body; or	26
	(2) Section 171, definition <i>official</i> , paragraph (h)—	27
	<i>renumber</i> as paragraph (e).	28

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Clause 62	Amendment of s 173 (Confidentiality)	1
	Section 173(1)—	2
	<i>insert—</i>	3
	(e) a person who has acquired, or has access to, confidential information about another person under section 97.	4 5 6
Clause 63	Amendment of s 175 (Delegation)	7
	(1) Section 175(2)(a), ‘26(2), 27(1)’—	8
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	9
	26(2) or (4)	10
	(2) Section 175(2)(c)(ii), from ‘other than’—	11
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	12
	other than—	13
	(A) publishing a management plan, or a copy of a management plan, for a regional energy hub under section 46(1), 47(3), 48(6) or information under section 49(3); and	14 15 16 17
	(B) deciding the period mentioned in section 46(1)(b)(i) under section 46(2) or 49(4);	18 19
	(3) Section 175(2)—	20
	<i>insert—</i>	21
	(d) the Minister’s functions under section 96 or 98.	22 23
	(4) Section 175(3), ‘21 to 25, 50,’—	24
	<i>omit.</i>	25
Clause 64	Replacement of pt 12, div 1, hdg (Infrastructure blueprint)	26
	Part 12, division 1, heading—	27
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	28

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	Division 1	Transitional provisions for Act No. 15 of 2024	1 2
	Subdivision 1	Infrastructure blueprint	3
Clause 65	Replacement of pt 12, div 2, hdg (Other transitional provisions)		4 5
	Part 12, division 2, heading—		6
	<i>omit, insert—</i>		7
	Subdivision 2	Other transitional provisions	8 9
Clause 66	Amendment of s 179A (Limited protection from liability for Powerlink)		10 11
	Section 179A(1)—		12
	<i>insert—</i>		13
	<i>Note—</i>		14
	See also section 191.		15
Clause 67	Amendment of s 180 (Transitional regulation-making power)		16 17
	Section 180(1)—		18
	<i>insert—</i>		19
	<i>Note—</i>		20
	See also section 192.		21
Clause 68	Insertion of new pt 12, div 2		22
	Part 12, as amended by this Act—		23
	<i>insert—</i>		24

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Division 2	Transitional provisions for	1
	Energy Roadmap	2
	Amendment Act 2025	3

181 Definitions for division	4
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In this division—	5
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<i>amendment Act</i> means the <i>Energy Roadmap Amendment Act 2025</i> .	6
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<i>former</i> , in relation to a provision of this Act, means the provision as in force immediately before the commencement of the transitional provision in which the term is used.	8
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<i>transitional provision</i> means a provision of this division.	12
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182 First system outlook	14
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Section 2 (headed ‘Investment Outlook’) of the document called the ‘Energy Roadmap’, published on the department’s website on 10 October 2025—	15
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(a) is taken to be the system outlook made under section 15; and	19
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(b) is taken to have been approved by regulation on the day this section commences.	21
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183 Reference to infrastructure blueprint	23
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(1) A reference in a document to the infrastructure blueprint may, if the context permits, be taken to be a reference to the system outlook.	24
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(2) In this section—	27
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<i>infrastructure blueprint</i> means the infrastructure blueprint made under former section 15.	28
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184 Existing candidate priority transmission investments

- (1) This section applies in relation to a candidate priority transmission investment under former section 18 if, immediately before the commencement, the responsible Ministers have not made a declaration for the investment under former section 26.
- (2) New part 5 applies in relation to the candidate priority transmission investment.
- (3) For applying subsection (2), from the commencement—
 - (a) the declaration of the eligible priority transmission investment as a candidate priority transmission investment under former section 21 is taken to be a declaration made under new section 24(1); and
 - (b) a direction given by the responsible Ministers under former section 24(2) is taken to be a direction given by the Minister under new section 24; and
 - (c) a report given by Powerlink in purported compliance with a direction given under former section 24 is taken to be a report given to the Minister in purported compliance with a direction mentioned in paragraph (b); and
 - (d) any advice sought by the responsible Ministers under former section 25(2) is taken to be advice sought by the Minister under new section 25(2).
- (4) In this section—
new, in relation to a provision of this Act, means the provision as in force on the commencement.

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185 Appointment as REZ delivery body	1
(1) This section applies in relation to an entity that, immediately before the commencement, was a REZ delivery body appointed under former section 75.	2 3 4 5
(2) From the commencement, the appointment of the entity as a REZ delivery body under former section 75 is taken to be an appointment of the entity as a hub design body under section 75 as in force on the commencement.	6 7 8 9 10
 186 Dissolution of board	 11
(1) On the commencement—	12
(a) the board is dissolved; and	13
(b) each board member goes out of office; and	14
(c) the State becomes the successor in law of the board.	15 16
(2) No compensation is payable to a board member because of subsection (1).	17 18
(3) Without limiting subsection (1)(c), the records and other documents held by the board immediately before the commencement become records and other documents of the State.	19 20 21 22
(4) In this section—	23
<i>board</i> means the Queensland Energy System Advisory Board established under former section 93.	24 25 26
<i>board member</i> means a board member under former section 98.	27 28
 187 Dissolution of council	 29
(1) On the commencement—	30

(a)	the council is dissolved; and	1
(b)	each council member goes out of office; and	2
(c)	the State becomes the successor in law of the council.	3 4
(2)	No compensation is payable to a council member because of subsection (1).	5 6
(3)	Without limiting subsection (1)(c), the records and other documents held by the council immediately before the commencement become records and other documents of the State.	7 8 9 10
(4)	In this section—	11
	<i>council</i> means the Energy Industry Council established under former section 123.	12 13
	<i>council member</i> means a council member under former section 129.	14 15
188	Dissolution of office of the jobs advocate	16
(1)	On the commencement—	17
(a)	the office of the jobs advocate is dissolved; and	18 19
(b)	the jobs advocate goes out of office; and	20
(c)	the State becomes the successor in law of the jobs advocate.	21 22
(2)	No compensation is payable to the jobs advocate because of subsection (1).	23 24
(3)	Without limiting subsection (1)(c), the records and other documents held by the jobs advocate immediately before the commencement become records and other documents of the State.	25 26 27 28
(4)	In this section—	29
	<i>jobs advocate</i> means the Queensland Renewable Energy Jobs Advocate under former section 154.	30 31

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189 Confidentiality	1
(1) Despite the repeal of the former criminal history provisions by the amendment Act, each former criminal history provision continues to apply in relation to criminal history information, as defined in the former criminal history provision, given to the Minister before the commencement.	2 3 4 5 6 7
(2) The reference in section 173(1)(a)(i) to a person who has been an official includes a reference to a person who has been a board member, a council member or the jobs advocate.	8 9 10 11
(3) In this section—	12
<i>board member</i> means a board member under former section 98.	13 14
<i>council member</i> means a council member under former section 129.	15 16
<i>former criminal history provision</i> means former section 108, 140 or 168.	17 18
<i>jobs advocate</i> means the Queensland Renewable Energy Jobs Advocate under former section 154.	19 20
 190 Regulation under s 170A	 21
Despite the amendment of section 3 by the amendment Act, the regulation made under section 170A and in effect immediately before the commencement continues in effect.	22 23 24 25
 191 Application of s 179A	 26
(1) Section 179A continues to apply in relation to acts done, or omissions made, by Powerlink in relation to a proposed REZ, within the meaning of that section, during the period mentioned in section 179A(3)(b).	27 28 29 30 31
(2) From the commencement, section 179A applies	32

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- as if— 1
- (a) a reference to a part of Queensland to be 2
declared to be a REZ included a reference to 3
a part of a Queensland region to be declared 4
to be a regional energy hub (a *proposed* 5
hub); and 6
 - (b) a reference to a transmission network to be 7
the REZ transmission network for a 8
proposed REZ included a reference to a 9
transmission network to be the hub 10
transmission network for a proposed hub; 11
and 12
 - (c) a reference to transmission assets that are to 13
be REZ controlled assets for a proposed 14
REZ included a reference to transmission 15
assets that are to be the hub controlled assets 16
for a proposed hub; and 17
 - (d) the reference in section 179A(3)(b)(ii)(A) to 18
when the proposed REZ is declared to be a 19
REZ included a reference to when the 20
proposed REZ or proposed hub is declared 21
to be a regional energy hub. 22

192 Application of s 180 23

From the commencement, section 180 applies as 24
if a reference to a REZ matter included a reference 25
to the hub transmission network or hub controlled 26
assets for a regional energy hub. 27

193 Transitional regulation-making power 28

- (1) A regulation (a *transitional regulation*) may 29
make provision about a matter for which— 30
 - (a) it is necessary to make provision— 31
 - (i) to allow or facilitate the doing of 32
anything to achieve the transition from 33

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- the operation of this Act as in force 1
before its amendment by the 2
amendment Act to the operation of this 3
Act after its amendment by the 4
amendment Act; or 5
- (ii) to allow or facilitate the doing of 6
anything to help the operation of this 7
Act or the national electricity laws to 8
achieve the purpose of part 8; and 9
- (b) this Act does not provide or sufficiently 10
provide. 11
- (2) A transitional regulation— 12
- (a) may provide for the application of a 13
provision of the national electricity laws (a 14
national provision) in relation to a matter 15
mentioned in subsection (1); and 16
- (b) for that purpose, may— 17
- (i) provide that a national provision does 18
not apply in relation to a matter or 19
applies in relation to a matter with 20
stated modifications; and 21
- (ii) state how other provisions of the 22
national electricity laws apply in 23
relation to a matter having regard to a 24
national provision not applying or 25
applying with stated modifications in 26
relation to the matter. 27
- (3) A transitional regulation may have retrospective 28
operation to a day not earlier than— 29
- (a) the day this section commences; or 30
- (b) for a transitional regulation relating to an 31
amendment of this Act commencing after 32
the day this section commences—the day 33
the amendment commences. 34
- (4) A transitional regulation must declare it is a 35

transitional regulation. 1

(5) This section and any transitional regulation expire 2
on the day that is 2 years after the day this section 3
commences. 4

Clause 69 Amendment of sch 1 (Dictionary) 5

(1) Schedule 1— 6

omit the following definitions— 7

- *appointed board member* 8
- *appointed council member* 9
- *board* 10
- *board meeting* 11
- *board member* 12
- *council* 13
- *council meeting* 14
- *council member* 15
- *criminal history* 16
- *electricity industry* 17
- *establishment and operational costs* 18
- *infrastructure blueprint* 19
- *jobs advocate* 20
- *national electricity market* 21
- *optimal infrastructure pathway* 22
- *optimal infrastructure pathway objectives* 23
- *public ownership strategy* 24
- *publicly owned energy business* 25
- *renewable energy source* 26
- *renewable energy targets* 27

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•	<i>renewable energy zone or REZ</i>	1
•	<i>responsible Ministers</i>	2
•	<i>REZ assessment</i>	3
•	<i>REZ assessment costs</i>	4
•	<i>REZ controlled assets</i>	5
•	<i>REZ declaration</i>	6
•	<i>REZ delivery body</i>	7
•	<i>REZ transmission network</i>	8
•	<i>transmission asset.</i>	9
(2)	Schedule 1—	10
	<i>insert—</i>	11
	<i>application fees and charges</i> , in relation to the	12
	hub transmission network for a regional energy	13
	hub, for part 6, division 6, see section 69.	14
	<i>connection and access process</i> , for the hub	15
	transmission network for a regional energy hub,	16
	for part 6, division 5, see section 53.	17
	<i>CopperString project</i> see section 95.	18
	<i>declared stage</i> , of the CopperString project, for	19
	part 8, see section 94.	20
	<i>establishment and operational costs</i> , for the hub	21
	transmission network for a regional energy hub,	22
	for part 6, division 6, see section 69A.	23
	<i>forecast capital expenditure</i> , for part 8, see	24
	section 94.	25
	<i>forecast operating expenditure</i> , for part 8, see	26
	section 94.	27
	<i>hub controlled assets</i> , for a regional energy hub,	28
	see section 36.	29
	<i>hub declaration</i> , for part 6, see section 36.	30
	<i>hub design body</i> see section 36.	31

<i>hub transmission network</i> , for a regional energy hub, see section 36.	1 2
<i>identified stage</i> , of the CopperString project, for part 8, see section 94.	3 4
<i>proponent</i> , for a stage of the CopperString project, for part 8, see section 94.	5 6
<i>regional energy hub</i> see section 36.	7
<i>responsible Ministers</i> means—	8
(a) if the Minister is the Treasurer—the Treasurer; or	9 10
(b) otherwise—the Minister and the Treasurer acting jointly.	11 12
<i>stage</i> , of the CopperString project, for part 8, see section 94.	13 14
<i>strategic infrastructure path</i> see section 7.	15
<i>strategic infrastructure path objectives</i> see section 8.	16 17
<i>system outlook</i> see section 15(1).	18
<i>transmission asset</i> has the meaning given by the National Electricity Rules.	19 20
(3) Schedule 1, definition <i>access standard</i> , ‘REZ transmission network for a REZ’—	21 22
<i>omit, insert</i> —	23
hub transmission network for a regional energy hub	24 25
(4) Schedule 1, definitions <i>management plan</i> and <i>participant</i> , ‘REZ’—	26 27
<i>omit, insert</i> —	28
regional energy hub	29
(5) Schedule 1, definition <i>regulate</i> , ‘REZ transmission network or REZ controlled assets for a REZ’—	30 31

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<i>omit, insert—</i>	1
hub transmission network or hub controlled assets	2
for a regional energy hub	3
(6) Schedule 1, definition <i>relevant transmission network service provider</i> , ‘REZ controlled assets for a REZ’—	4
	5
<i>omit, insert—</i>	6
hub controlled assets for a regional energy hub	7

Part 3	Amendment of Energy	8
	(Renewable Transformation	9
	and Jobs) Regulation 2024	10

Clause 70	Regulation amended	11
	This part amends the <i>Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Regulation 2024</i> .	12
		13

Clause 71	Replacement of s 1 (Short title)	14
	Section 1—	15
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	16
	1 Short title	17
	This regulation may be cited as the <i>Energy (Infrastructure Facilitation) Regulation 2024</i> .	18
		19

Clause 72	Omission of s 41 (Appointed council members—Act, s 130)	20
		21
	Section 41—	22
	<i>omit.</i>	23

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Part 4	Other amendments	1
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Clause 73	Legislation amended	2
	Schedule 1 amends the legislation it mentions.	3

Schedule 1 Other amendments 1

section 73 2

Electricity—National Scheme (Queensland) Act 1997 3

1 Section 6, note, ‘(Renewable Transformation and Jobs)’— 4
omit, insert— 5
(Infrastructure Facilitation) 6

Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024 7
8

1 References to REZ and related concepts— 9
Each provision mentioned in column 1 is amended by 10
omitting the words mentioned in column 2 and inserting the 11
words mentioned in column 3— 12

Provision	Words omitted	Words inserted
part 6, division 2, heading	renewable energy zones	regional energy hubs
part 6, division 3, heading	renewable energy zones	regional energy hubs
section 43	REZ controlled assets	hub controlled assets
section 43	a REZ	a regional energy hub
section 43	for the REZ	for the hub
section 43(a)	will materially affect, the capacity or functioning of the REZ	are likely to materially affect, the capacity or functioning of the hub

Provision	Words omitted	Words inserted
section 45	REZ delivery body	hub design body
section 45(1)	proposed REZ	proposed regional energy hub
section 45(2)(a)	REZ transmission network for the REZ	hub transmission network for the regional energy hub
section 47(1)	Queensland declared to be a REZ	a Queensland region declared to be a regional energy hub
section 47(1)	the REZ	the hub
section 47(2) and (3)	a REZ	a regional energy hub
part 6, division 5, heading	REZ	Hub
section 52(1)(a)	REZ transmission network for a REZ	hub transmission network for a regional energy hub
section 52(1)(b)	REZ controlled assets for a REZ	hub controlled assets for a regional energy hub
section 52(2)	REZ	hub
section 52(3)(a)	the REZ	the hub
section 52(3)(a)	a REZ	a regional energy hub
section 52(3)(b)	REZ controlled assets for a REZ	hub controlled assets for a regional energy hub
section 56, heading	REZ	hub
section 56(1)	REZ transmission network for a REZ	hub transmission network for a regional energy hub
section 57, heading	REZ	hub
section 57	REZ controlled assets for a REZ	hub controlled assets for a regional energy hub
section 57(3)(a) and (b)	REZ	hub
section 58(1)(a)	REZ transmission network, or a part of the REZ transmission network, for a REZ	hub transmission network, or a part of the hub transmission network, for a regional energy hub
section 58(1)(b)	REZ controlled assets for a REZ	hub controlled assets for a regional energy hub

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Provision	Words omitted	Words inserted
section 58(2) and (3)	the REZ	the hub
section 58(2) and (3)	a REZ	a regional energy hub
section 58(3)(b)	REZ controlled assets	hub controlled assets
section 59, heading	REZ	hub
section 59(1) and (2)	REZ transmission network	hub transmission network
section 59(2) and (3)	process for applying for connection and access stated in the management plan for the REZ under section 42(1)(b)(v)	connection and access process for the hub transmission network
section 60	REZ	hub
section 61(2)	REZ transmission network or REZ controlled assets for the REZ	hub transmission network or hub controlled assets for the regional energy hub
section 61(3)	REZ	regional energy hub
section 62(4)(a) and (5)(a)	REZ transmission network for the REZ	hub transmission network for the regional energy hub
section 62(4)(b)	REZ	hub
section 63(1)	REZ transmission network for a REZ	hub transmission network for a regional energy hub
section 63(2) to (6)	REZ	hub
section 64(a)	REZ declaration, becomes the REZ transmission network, or a part of the REZ transmission network, for a REZ	hub declaration, becomes the hub transmission network, or a part of the hub transmission network, for a regional energy hub
section 64(b)	REZ	hub
section 66(1) and (2)	REZ declaration for the REZ	hub declaration for the regional energy hub
section 66(3)	REZ transmission network for the REZ	hub transmission network for the regional energy hub
section 66(3)	REZ declaration for the REZ	hub declaration for the hub

Provision	Words omitted	Words inserted
section 67(1) and (2)	REZ declaration for the REZ	hub declaration for the regional energy hub
section 67(3)	REZ transmission network for the REZ	hub transmission network for the regional energy hub
section 67(3)(a) and (b)	REZ	hub
part 6, division 6, subdivision 2, heading	REZ	hub
section 77(1) to (3) and (6)	REZ delivery body	hub design body
section 77(8), definition <i>relevant person</i> , paragraph (b)	a REZ	a regional energy hub
section 78(1) to (3)	REZ delivery body	hub design body
section 80(2)(a)	Queensland is suitable to be a REZ	a Queensland region is suitable to be a regional energy hub
section 80(2)(b)	REZ declaration	hub declaration for a regional energy hub
section 80(2)(c)	REZ declaration for a REZ	hub declaration for a regional energy hub
section 80(2)(c)(i)	the REZ	the hub
section 80(2)(d)	REZ	regional energy hub
section 80(2)(e)	a REZ	a regional energy hub
section 80(2)(e)(i)	the REZ	the hub
section 83(1)(a)	a REZ	a regional energy hub
section 83(1)(b) and (c)	REZ transmission network or REZ controlled assets for a REZ	hub transmission network or hub controlled assets for a regional energy hub
section 83(1)(c)(i) and (ii)	REZ	hub

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Provision	Words omitted	Words inserted
section 83(1)(d)(i)	Queensland to be declared to be a REZ, even if the part is not ultimately declared to be a REZ (a <i>proposed REZ</i>)	a Queensland region to be declared to be a regional energy hub, even if the part is not ultimately declared to be a regional energy hub (a <i>proposed regional energy hub</i>)
section 83(1)(d)(ii)	REZ transmission network for a REZ or a proposed REZ	hub transmission network for a regional energy hub or a proposed regional energy hub
section 83(1)(d)(iii) and (iv)	REZ transmission network or REZ controlled assets for a REZ or a proposed REZ	hub transmission network or hub controlled assets for a regional energy hub or a proposed regional energy hub
section 84(2) and (3)	REZ transmission network or REZ controlled assets for a REZ	hub transmission network or hub controlled assets for a regional energy hub
section 84(4)(a)	REZ	hub
section 174(3)(b)	REZ delivery body	hub design body

- 2 Section 28(4), definition *regulatory asset base*—** 1
relocate to schedule 1. 2
- 3 Section 47(1), after ‘subdivision 2’—** 3
insert— 4
or 4 5
- 4 Part 6, division 6, subdivision 4—** 6
renumber as part 6, division 6, subdivision 3. 7
- 5 Section 73(1), ‘or 72’—** 8
omit. 9

6	Section 73(4), definition <i>relevant costs</i>—	1
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	2
	<i>relevant costs</i> means establishment and	3
	operational costs for the hub transmission	4
	network for a regional energy hub.	5
7	Section 80(2)(f), ‘or 72’—	6
	<i>omit.</i>	7
8	Section 86(2)(b), (3)(c) and (4)(d), ‘optimal infrastructure pathway objectives’—	8
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	9
	strategic infrastructure path objectives	10
		11
9	Section 176(1), ‘parts 7, 8, 9 and 10’—	12
	<i>omit, insert—</i>	13
	part 7	14