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Queensland

**No.
A BILL for**

An Act to amend the Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024, the Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Regulation 2024, the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971 and the legislation mentioned in schedule 1 for particular purposes, and to repeal the Forest Wind Farm Development Act 2020



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Energy Roadmap Amendment Bill 2025

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The Parliament of Queensland enacts—

Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Energy Roadmap Amendment Act 2025*.

2 Commencement

The following provisions commence on a day to be fixed by proclamation—

- (a) sections 15 to 29;
- (b) section 68, to the extent it inserts section 184.

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

3 Act amended

This part amends the *Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024*.

Note—

See also the amendments in schedule 1.

4 Amendment of long title

Long title, from ‘transform’ to ‘supporting’—
omit, insert—

facilitate the development of infrastructure to

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

5 Replacement of s 1 (Short title)

Section 1—

omit, insert—

1 Short title

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

6 Replacement of ss 3 and 4

Sections 3 and 4—

omit, insert—

3 Main purposes of Act

The main purposes of this Act are—

- (a) to increase the amount of electricity generated in Queensland in a way that is cost-effective, safe, secure and reliable; and
- (b) to facilitate and support the efficient and coordinated augmentation of the national transmission grid in Queensland to accommodate the increased generation of electricity mentioned in paragraph (a); and
- (c) to provide for support for workers in the energy industry and communities affected by the increased generation of electricity mentioned in paragraph (a).

4 How main purposes are primarily achieved

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

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by providing a framework that includes—

- (a) strategic infrastructure path objectives and ways to help achieve those objectives; and
 - (b) the identification and construction of priority transmission investments; and
 - (c) the development and operation of regional energy hubs and coordinated and streamlined connection and access to transmission networks for the hubs; and
 - (d) the facilitation and support of the delivery of the CopperString project.
- (2) The main purpose of this Act mentioned in section 3(c) is to be achieved primarily by establishing the Job Security Guarantee Fund, including for the purpose of implementing the job security guarantee.

7 Amendment of s 7 (Meaning of *optimal infrastructure pathway*)

- (1) Section 7, '*optimal infrastructure pathway*'—

omit, insert—

strategic infrastructure path

- (2) Section 7(a), 'infrastructure blueprint'—

omit, insert—

system outlook

- (3) Section 7(c)—

omit, insert—

- (c) any hub transmission network for a regional energy hub not mentioned in the system outlook.

8 Replacement of s 8 (Meaning of *optimal infrastructure pathway objectives*)

Section 8—

omit, insert—

8 Meaning of *strategic infrastructure path objectives*

The *strategic infrastructure path objectives* are the following objectives—

- (a) the long-term minimisation of the cost of electricity for Queensland consumers;
- (b) the provision of a safe, secure and reliable supply of electricity to Queensland consumers;
- (c) the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the generation of electricity in Queensland.

9 Omission of pt 2 (Renewable energy targets)

Part 2—

omit.

10 Amendment of s 13 (Public ownership strategy)

- (1) Section 13, heading—

omit, insert—

13 Public ownership targets

- (2) Section 13(1) and (2)—

omit, insert—

- (1) Each of the following is a *public ownership target* for a class of energy asset—
 - (a) that 100% of public ownership of generation assets publicly owned and in operation on

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- the commencement of this subsection, and that continue in operation, is maintained;
 - (b) that public ownership of transmission and distribution assets is 100%;
 - (c) that public ownership of deep storage assets is 100%.
- (2) The Minister must prepare a report about whether each public ownership target is being achieved—
 - (a) on 31 May 2027; and
 - (b) at further intervals of 2 years.
- (2A) The report must—
 - (a) include a description of how the percentage of publicly owned assets for each class of energy assets is worked out; and
 - (b) be published on the department’s website.
- (3) Section 13(3), definitions *publicly owned gas-fired power station* and *reporting period*—
omit.
- (4) Section 13(3), definition *public ownership*, paragraphs (a) and (b), ‘Commonwealth, the State or a local government’—
omit, insert—

State
- (5) Section 13(3), definition *public ownership*, paragraph (c)—
omit.
- (6) Section 13(3), definition *transmission and distribution assets*, paragraph (c)—
omit, insert—
 - (c) the hub transmission network for a regional energy hub.
- (7) Section 13(2A) and (3)—
renumber as section 13(3) and (4).

11 Omission of s 14 (Public ownership report)

Section 14—

omit.

12 Replacement of pt 4, hdg (Queensland SuperGrid Infrastructure Blueprint)

Part 4, heading—

omit, insert—

Part 4 Energy System Outlook

13 Amendment of s 15 (Making and approving infrastructure blueprint)

- (1) Section 15, heading, ‘infrastructure blueprint’—

omit, insert—

system outlook

- (2) Section 15(1), from ‘called’—

omit, insert—

called the ‘Energy System Outlook’ (the **system outlook**) which may be part of another document.

- (3) Section 15(2), (5) and (6), ‘infrastructure blueprint’—

omit, insert—

system outlook

- (4) Section 15(2)(a) and (b), ‘optimal infrastructure pathway objectives’—

omit, insert—

strategic infrastructure path objectives

- (5) Section 15(2)(a), examples, second dot point—

omit, insert—

- hub transmission networks for regional energy hubs

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(6) Section 15(2)(c) and (e)—

omit.

(7) Section 15(2)(d)—

omit, insert—

- (d) identify parts of Queensland regions that are possibly suitable to be regional energy hubs; and

(8) Section 15(2)(d) and (f)—

renumber as section 15(2)(c) and (d).

(9) Section 15(3) and (4)—

omit, insert—

(3) The system outlook may also include—

- (a) an estimate of the operating life of each publicly owned coal-fired power station; and
- (b) estimates, at intervals the Minister considers appropriate, of matters relating to the capacity of energy infrastructure that are required to achieve the strategic infrastructure path objectives; and

Examples of matters relating to the capacity of energy infrastructure for paragraph (b)—

- the total nameplate rating of generating systems in Queensland that are capable of producing electricity
- the total capacity of infrastructure connected to transmission systems in Queensland to generate electricity on demand
- the total capacity for storage of energy in a form capable of being converted to electricity in Queensland
- the total capacity of devices that generate electricity that are owned by Queensland consumers

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

14 Amendment of s 16 (Review of infrastructure blueprint)

- (1) Section 16, heading, ‘infrastructure blueprint’—
omit, insert—
system outlook
- (2) Section 16(1), (5) and (6), ‘infrastructure blueprint’—
omit, insert—
system outlook
- (3) Section 16(1)(a), ‘2025’—
omit, insert—
2027
- (4) Section 16(2) and (3), ‘infrastructure blueprint’—
omit, insert—
system outlook or a part of the system outlook
- (5) Section 16(3)(a) and (b)—
omit.
- (6) Section 16(3)(d), ‘optimal infrastructure pathway objectives’—
omit, insert—

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strategic infrastructure path objectives

- (7) Section 16(3)(c) to (g)—

renumber as section 16(3)(a) to (e).

- (8) Section 16(4)—

omit, insert—

- (4) After reviewing the system outlook or a part of the system outlook, the Minister may make a replacement system outlook.

- (9) Section 16(6), ‘Section 15(2) to (6)’—

omit, insert—

Section 15(2) to (5)

15 Amendment of s 18 (Definitions for part)

- (1) Section 18, definition *candidate priority transmission investment*, ‘section 21’—

omit, insert—

section 24(1)

- (2) Section 18, definition *identified need*, ‘a candidate priority transmission investment’—

omit, insert—

an eligible priority transmission investment,
candidate priority transmission investment or
priority transmission investment

16 Amendment of s 19 (Reference to construction of candidate priority transmission investment or priority transmission investment)

- (1) Section 19, heading, from ‘candidate’—

omit, insert—

priority transmission investments etc.

- (2) Section 19, ‘of a candidate priority transmission investment or a’—

omit, insert—

of an eligible priority transmission investment,
candidate priority transmission investment or

17 Amendment of s 20 (Eligible priority transmission investments)

- (1) Section 20(2), ‘responsible Ministers are’—

omit, insert—

Minister is

- (2) Section 20(2), ‘infrastructure blueprint’—

omit, insert—

system outlook

- (3) Section 20(2)(a) and (b)(iii), ‘optimal infrastructure pathway’—

omit, insert—

strategic infrastructure path

- (4) Section 20(2)(b)(i), ‘responsible Ministers have’—

omit, insert—

Minister has

- (5) Section 20(2)(b)(ii)—

omit.

- (6) Section 20(2)(b)(iii)—

renumber as section 20(2)(b)(ii).

18 Omission of s 21 (Candidate priority transmission investments)

Section 21—

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omit.

19 Replacement of ss 22 and 23

Sections 22 and 23—

omit, insert—

22 Minister must consult before making declaration

- (1) This section applies if the Minister proposes to make a declaration and give a direction under section 24 for an eligible priority transmission investment.
- (2) Before making the declaration, the Minister must consult with Powerlink and a suitably qualified person about the proposed direction, including—
 - (a) the matters the direction may, or must, state under section 24; and
 - (b) any other matter the Minister considers appropriate.
- (3) Without limiting subsection (2), the Minister must consult with Powerlink about—
 - (a) the identified need for the eligible priority transmission investment; and
 - (b) the anticipated date for commencing construction of the investment; and
 - (c) the anticipated date for completion of construction of the investment; and
 - (d) the appropriate assessment documents for assessing the investment; and
 - (e) the minimum modifications to the assessment documents likely to be necessary or appropriate for the investment.
- (4) Also, without limiting subsection (2), after consulting with Powerlink about the matters

mentioned in subsection (3), the Minister must consult a suitably qualified person about—

- (a) whether the identified need for the eligible priority transmission investment proposed by Powerlink or the Minister has been sufficiently described; and
 - (b) whether the assessment documents recommended by Powerlink or the Minister are appropriate; and
 - (c) in relation to any modifications to the assessment documents recommended by Powerlink or the Minister, whether—
 - (i) the modifications are appropriate; and
 - (ii) the modifications are as minimal as is practical.
- (5) In consulting with a suitably qualified person about a matter under subsection (2), (3) or (4), the Minister is not limited by the matters the Minister consults with Powerlink about under this section.

20 Amendment of s 24 (Responsible Ministers may direct Powerlink to assess candidate priority transmission investment)

- (1) Section 24, heading—

omit, insert—

24 Minister may declare, and direct Powerlink to assess, candidate priority transmission investment

- (2) Section 24(1)—

omit, insert—

- (1) If, after consulting with Powerlink and a suitably qualified person under section 22, the Minister decides that an eligible priority transmission investment should be assessed by Powerlink, the

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Minister may, by written notice given to Powerlink, declare the investment to be a candidate priority transmission investment.

- (3) Section 24(2), ‘The responsible Ministers may’—

omit, insert—

If the Minister makes a declaration under subsection (1), the Minister must immediately

- (4) Section 24(2)(b), ‘responsible Ministers stating’—

omit, insert—

Minister stating

- (5) Section 24(2)(b)(ii)(B), from ‘for the investment’—

omit, insert—

by the Minister in the direction; and

- (6) Section 24(2)(b)(iii), ‘responsible Ministers direct’—

omit, insert—

Minister directs

- (7) Section 24(4), ‘responsible Ministers’—

omit, insert—

Minister

- (8) Section 24(5), ‘responsible Ministers consider’—

omit, insert—

Minister considers

21 Amendment of s 25 (Responsible Ministers must seek advice about Powerlink’s report)

- (1) Section 25, heading, ‘Responsible Ministers’—

omit, insert—

Minister

- (2) Section 25(1), ‘responsible Ministers receive’—

omit, insert—

Minister receives

- (3) Section 25(1) and (2), ‘responsible Ministers must’—

omit, insert—

Minister must

- (4) Section 25—

insert—

- (2A) The Minister may also seek advice from a suitably qualified person about any other matter relevant to whether a declaration should be made for the candidate priority transmission investment under section 26.

- (5) Section 25(3), from ‘subsection (2)’ to ‘Ministers’—

omit, insert—

subsection (2) or (3) must state the date by which the advice must be given to the Minister

- (6) Section 25(4)—

omit, insert—

- (4) If the Minister seeks advice from a suitably qualified person under this section, the suitably qualified person may ask Powerlink for any information the person reasonably requires to give their advice.

- (4A) Powerlink must, within a reasonable time, give the requested information to the suitably qualified person.

- (7) Section 25(5), from ‘responsible Ministers consider’ to ‘responsible Ministers may’—

omit, insert—

Minister considers Powerlink has not assessed the candidate priority transmission investment as directed, the Minister may

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(8) Section 25(6), ‘(5)’—

omit, insert—

(7)

(9) Section 25(2A) to (6)—

renumber as section 25(3) to (8).

22 Insertion of new s 25A

After section 25—

insert—

25A Minister may request further information from Powerlink about report

- (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—
 - (a) the report given by Powerlink under section 24(2)(b); or
 - (b) any other matter relevant to the making of a declaration, and giving of a direction, for the investment under section 26.
- (2) The request must state the date by which the information must be given to the Minister.
- (3) Powerlink must comply with the request.

23 Replacement of s 26 (Responsible Ministers may declare priority transmission investment)

Section 26—

omit, insert—

26 Responsible Ministers may declare, and direct Powerlink to construct, priority transmission investment

- (1) This section applies if the responsible Ministers are satisfied—
 - (a) Powerlink has assessed a candidate priority transmission investment as directed under section 24; and
 - (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—
 - (i) the report given to the Minister by Powerlink for the investment under section 24;
 - (ii) advice given to the Minister by a suitably qualified person for the investment under section 25;
 - (iii) any further information given to the Minister by Powerlink under section 25A.
- (2) The responsible Ministers may declare the candidate priority transmission investment to be a ***priority transmission investment*** to be constructed as directed under this section.
- (3) The Minister must notify the making of the declaration in the gazette and publish the declaration on the department's website.
- (4) As soon as practicable after making the declaration, the responsible Ministers must direct Powerlink to construct the priority transmission investment.
- (5) The direction must—

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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)

and section 30(1), subsection (7) prevails to the extent of the inconsistency.

- (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).

24 Omission of s 27 (Responsible Ministers must direct Powerlink to construct priority transmission investment)

Section 27—

omit.

25 Amendment of s 29 (PTI guidelines)

- (1) Section 29(1), ‘responsible Ministers’—

omit, insert—

Minister

- (2) Section 29(1), after ‘Powerlink,’—

insert—

or consulting with

- (3) Section 29—

insert—

- (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.

- (4) Section 29(5)(b), ‘the making of a request for advice from’—

omit, insert—

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consultation with, or the making of a request for
advice from,

- (5) Section 29(1A) to (5)—
renumber as section 29(2) to (6).

26 Amendment of s 30 (Compliance with directions)

Section 30(1), after ‘by the’—

insert—

Minister or

27 Amendment of s 31 (Information given to suitably qualified person)

Section 31, ‘Minister or Treasurer’—

omit, insert—

Minister or, if the Minister is not the Treasurer,
the Minister or Treasurer

28 Amendment of s 32 (Advice to Minister or Treasurer)

Section 32(1) and (2), ‘Minister or Treasurer’—

omit, insert—

Minister or, if the Minister is not the Treasurer,
the Minister or Treasurer,

29 Omission of s 34 (Expiry)

Section 34—

omit.

30 Replacement of pt 6, hdg (Renewable energy zones)

Part 6, heading—

omit, insert—

Part 6 Regional energy hubs

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—

regional energy hubs

- (3) Section 35(c)(ii), ‘will’—

omit, insert—

are likely to

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

omit, insert—

regional energy hubs

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—

insert—

hub controlled assets, for a regional energy hub, means transmission assets that—

- (a) materially affect, or are likely to materially affect, the capacity or functioning of the hub transmission network for the hub; and
- (b) are outside the hub or inside the hub but not part of the hub transmission network for the hub; and
- (c) are identified in the hub declaration for the hub as hub controlled assets for the hub.

hub declaration means the regulation under section 38 declaring a part of a Queensland region to be a regional energy hub.

hub design body—

- (a) generally, means an entity appointed to be a hub design body under section 75; and
- (b) in relation to a particular regional energy hub, means the hub design body that recommended the hub be declared.

hub transmission network, for a regional energy hub, means the transmission network, or a part of a transmission network, that is—

- (a) in the hub; and
- (b) identified in the hub declaration for the hub as the hub transmission network for the hub.

management plan, for a regional energy hub, means a management plan for the hub approved under section 47.

participant, for a regional energy hub, means an entity that has entered into a connection agreement for connection and access to the hub

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.

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,

- (4) Section 38(2)(b), from ‘REZ delivery’ to ‘zone and’—

omit, insert—

hub design body has recommended the part of the Queensland region be declared to be a regional energy hub and

- (5) Section 38(2)(b)(i), from ‘Queensland’ to ‘zone’—

omit, insert—

the region is suitable to be a regional energy hub

- (6) Section 38(3)(a)—

omit, insert—

(a) identify—

(i) the Queensland region in which the regional energy hub is located; and

(ii) the geographic boundary of the regional energy hub; and

- (7) Section 38(3)(b) and (c)(i), ‘renewable energy zone’—

omit, insert—

regional energy hub

- (8) Section 38(3)(c)(ii), from ‘REZ’ to ‘zone’—

omit, insert—

hub transmission network for the regional energy hub

- (9) Section 38(3)(c)(iii)—

omit, insert—

(iii) the existing or proposed transmission assets that are hub controlled assets for the regional energy hub; and

- (10) Section 38(3)(d) and (4), from ‘REZ’ to ‘zone’—

omit, insert—

hub transmission network for the regional energy
hub

34 Amendment of s 39 (Term of declaration and restriction on amendment or repeal)

- (1) Section 39(1) and (2), ‘REZ declaration’—

omit, insert—

hub declaration

- (2) Section 39(2)(a), before ‘only’—

insert—

if the Minister is not the Treasurer,

- (3) Section 39(2)(b)(i), ‘REZ’—

omit, insert—

regional energy hub

35 Amendment of s 40 (Performance of functions under division)

- (1) Section 40(a) and (b)—

omit, insert—

(a) the system outlook; and

(b) the impact that the development and operation of a transmission network in a regional energy hub has, or is likely to have, on communities, including, for example, Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples; and

- (2) Section 40(c), example, from ‘REZ delivery body’—

omit, insert—

hub design body or another entity obtained by the Minister or Treasurer in relation to the regional energy hub

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36 Amendment of s 41 (Content generally)

- (1) Section 41(1), ‘a REZ’—

omit, insert—

a regional energy hub

- (2) Section 41(1)(b), ‘REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub

- (3) Section 41(1)(c)(i) and (ii)—

omit, insert—

(i) the Queensland region in which the hub is located; and

(ii) the geographic boundary of the hub; and

- (4) Section 41(1)(c)(iii) and (iv) and (d)(i) and (ii), ‘REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub

- (5) Section 41(1)(d)(i) and (ii)—

renumber as section 41(1)(d)(ii) and (iii).

- (6) Section 41(1)(d)—

insert—

(i) the term of the declaration of the hub under section 38(3)(d);

37 Amendment of s 42 (Information about REZ transmission network)

- (1) Section 42, heading, ‘REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub

- (2) Section 42(1), ‘a REZ’—

omit, insert—

a regional energy hub

- (3) Section 42(1), ‘REZ transmission network for the REZ’—
omit, insert—

hub transmission network for the hub

- (4) Section 42(1)(a), before ‘timing’—
insert—

proposed

- (5) Section 42(1)(a) and (b), ‘REZ transmission network’—
omit, insert—

hub transmission network

- (6) Section 42(1)(b)(ii), from ‘renewable’ to ‘REZ’—
omit, insert—

energy source is available in the hub

- (7) Section 42(1)(b)(v)(A) and (B)—
omit, insert—

(A) the making, processing and assessing of applications or enquiries for the connection and access, including the timeframes for processing the applications or enquiries and the functions of AEMO in assessing the applications or enquiries; and

(B) fees and charges payable for applications or enquiries mentioned in subsubparagraph (A), including fees and charges for negotiating access standards under section 55 in relation to the connection and access; and

- (8) Section 42(1)(c)—
omit.

- (9) Section 42(1)(d) and (e), ‘REZ’—
omit, insert—

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(10) Section 42(1)(d) and (e)—

renumber as section 42(1)(c) and (d).

(11) Section 42(2)—

omit, insert—

(2) The fees and charges mentioned in subsection (1)(b)(v)(B)—

(a) must not be more than the reasonable cost of performing the functions to which the fees and charges relate; and

(b) must include fees and charges payable to AEMO for performing its functions in relation to the applications or enquiries.

38 Replacement of s 44 (Application of subdivision)

Section 44—

omit, insert—

44 Application of subdivision

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.

Note—

See subdivision 4 in relation to the application of this subdivision for replacing a management plan for a regional energy hub.

39 Amendment of s 46 (Consultation on draft management plan)

(1) Section 46(1)(a), ‘REZ’—

omit, insert—

regional energy hub

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- (2) Section 46(1)(b)(i), ‘REZ delivery body’—
omit, insert—
hub design body
- (3) Section 46(2)—
omit, insert—
(2) The period mentioned in subsection (1)(b)(i) must be at least 60 days after the draft management plan is published under subsection (1)(a).
- (4) Section 46(3), (4) and (5), ‘REZ delivery body’—
omit, insert—
hub design body

40 Amendment of s 48 (Amendment of management plan)

- (1) Section 48(1), ‘a REZ’—
omit, insert—
a regional energy hub
- (2) Section 48(2), ‘REZ delivery body’—
omit, insert—
hub design body
- (3) Section 48(2)(b), from ‘or (c)(i)’ to ‘for the REZ’—
omit, insert—
, (c) or (d)(i) to reflect an amendment of the hub declaration for the regional energy hub
- (4) Section 48(2)(c), from ‘REZ transmission’ —
omit, insert—
hub transmission network or hub controlled assets for the regional energy hub; or
- (5) Section 48(3), ‘REZ delivery body’—
omit, insert—

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hub design body

- (6) Section 48(3) and (4), ‘REZ declaration for the REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub declaration for the regional energy hub

- (7) Section 48(4), ‘REZ transmission network or REZ controlled assets for the REZ—

omit, insert—

hub transmission network or hub controlled assets
for the hub

- (8) Section 48(5)(b) and (6), ‘REZ’—

omit, insert—

regional energy hub

41 Replacement of pt 6, div 4 (REZ assessment)

Part 6, division 4—

omit, insert—

Subdivision 4 Replacement management plan

49 Replacement management plan

- (1) The hub design body may replace a management plan for a regional energy hub (the ***existing management plan***) with a new management plan for the hub (the ***replacement management plan***).
- (2) Subdivisions 2 and 3 apply in relation to the replacement management plan, subject to subsections (3) to (5).
- (3) The Minister must ensure the following information is also published under section 46(1)(a) with the draft replacement management plan—

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- (a) the changes between the existing management plan and the draft replacement management plan;
 - (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) 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).
- (5) For applying section 46(3) to the draft replacement management plan—
- (a) the hub design body—
 - (i) must consider each submission to the extent it relates to a change mentioned in subsection (3)(a); and
 - (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
 - (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).

42 Amendment of s 53 (Definitions for division)

- (1) Section 53, definition *access standard*—

omit.

- (2) Section 53—

insert—

access standard, for the hub transmission

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network for a regional energy hub, means a standard of performance for a technical requirement of access for plant connected, or to be connected, to the transmission network.

connection and access process, for the hub transmission network for a regional energy hub, means the process for entering into a connection agreement stated in the management plan for the hub under section 42(1)(b)(v).

- (3) Section 53, definition *eligible entity*, paragraph (a) and definition *eligible project*, paragraph (a), ‘the REZ’—

omit, insert—

the hub

- (4) Section 53, definition *eligible entity*, paragraph (a) and definition *eligible project*, paragraph (a), ‘a REZ’—

omit, insert—

a regional energy hub

- (5) Section 53, definition *eligible entity*, paragraph (b) and definition *eligible project*, paragraph (b), ‘REZ controlled assets for a REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub controlled assets for a regional energy hub

- (6) Section 53, definition *eligible entity*, paragraph (b) and definition *eligible project*, paragraph (b), ‘the REZ’—

omit, insert—

the hub

43 Amendment of s 54 (Restriction on connection and access to REZ transmission network)

- (1) Section 54, heading, ‘REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub

- (2) Section 54(1) and (2), ‘REZ transmission network for a REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub transmission network for a regional energy
hub

- (3) Section 54(2)(c)—

omit, insert—

(c) only in accordance with the connection and
access process for the transmission network.

- (4) Section 54(3), ‘REZ transmission network for a REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub transmission network for a regional energy
hub

- (5) Section 54(3)(a), ‘REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub

- (6) Section 54(4), ‘REZ transmission network for a REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub transmission network for a regional energy
hub

- (7) Section 54(5)—

omit.

44 Amendment of s 55 (Negotiated access standards)

- (1) Section 55(1), ‘proposed participant for a REZ’—

omit, insert—

relevant entity for a regional energy hub

- (2) Section 55(1) and (2)(a)(ii), ‘the REZ’—

omit, insert—

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the hub

- (3) Section 55(2)(a)(ii), ‘individual proposed participants’—
omit, insert—

a particular relevant entity

- (4) Section 55(2)—
insert—

- (c) arrangements for access standards for technical requirements for plant connected or to be connected, to the hub transmission network for a regional energy hub, under subdivision 3 or 4.

- (5) Section 55(3)—
omit, insert—

- (3) An access standard negotiated under this section is taken to be—

- (a) an agreed standard of performance determined in accordance with the National Electricity Rules; and
(b) if included in a connection agreement—a negotiated access standard for the purposes of the National Electricity Rules.

- (4) In this section—

relevant entity, for a regional energy hub, means an entity who proposes to be, or is, a participant for the hub.

45 Replacement of s 68 (Purpose of division)

Section 68—

omit, insert—

68 Purpose of division

- (1) This division provides a framework for the

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.

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.

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)—
- (a) it does not matter whether the costs are incurred before or after the hub declaration for the regional energy hub was made; and
 - (b) subject to paragraph (c), costs incurred by the transmission network service provider for any of the following matters are taken to be incurred for providing the hub transmission network—
 - (i) preparing a management plan in the service provider’s capacity as a hub design body;
 - (ii) constructing, maintaining and operating the transmission network;
 - (iii) any other function under this part in relation to the transmission network, including a function performed in the service provider’s capacity as a hub design body; and
 - (c) costs incurred by the transmission network service provider for performing functions for which application fees and charges are payable are taken not to be incurred for providing the hub transmission network.
- (3) Also, in this section, a reference to costs incurred by the transmission network service provider is taken to be a reference to any costs, expenses or other financial outgoings incurred by the service provider, including, for example—
- (a) payments to investors to provide a return on capital; and
 - (b) depreciation of assets; and
 - (c) government taxes, fees or charges; and
 - (d) fees for legal, financial, technical or other expert advice.

Example of other expert advice—
advice from AEMO

48 Amendment of s 70 (Fees and charges for connection and access to REZ transmission network)

- (1) Section 70, heading, ‘REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub

- (2) Section 70(1), ‘REZ transmission network for a REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub transmission network for a regional energy
hub

- (3) Section 70(2)—

omit, insert—

- (2) Fees and charges payable by a participant for connection and access to the hub transmission network do not include fees and charges for matters for which application fees and charges are payable.

- (2A) The amount of the fees and charges—

- (a) must include an amount representing the participant’s contribution to AEMO’s costs incurred for performing functions under this Act, other than functions for which application fees and charges are payable; and

Example of a function for paragraph (a)—

a function of AEMO under a regulation under section 55(2), other than a function for which application fees and charges are payable

- (b) may include an amount representing the participant’s contribution to the

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establishment and operational costs for the
hub transmission network.

- (4) Section 70(3), ‘REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub

- (5) Section 70(2A) and (3)—

renumber as section 70(3) and (4).

- (6) Section 70—

insert—

- (5) Subsection (4) does not affect the application fees
and charges payable in relation to the hub
transmission network.

**49 Amendment of s 71 (Responsible Ministers may allow
cost recovery through charges for prescribed
transmission services)**

- (1) Section 71(1), ‘REZ transmission network for a REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub transmission network for a regional energy
hub

- (2) Section 71(1)(c)(ii), after ‘section 70’—

insert—

or otherwise

- (3) Section 71—

insert—

- (1A) The amount of the shortfall must be worked out
using—

- (a) the present value of the establishment and
operational costs, taking into account any
inflation since any of the costs were
incurred; and

- (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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50 Omission of pt 6, div 6, sdiv 3 (Costs associated with REZ assessment)

Part 6, division 6, subdivision 3—

omit.

51 Replacement of pt 6, div 7, hdg (REZ delivery body)

Part 6, division 7, heading—

omit, insert—

Division 7 Hub design body

52 Amendment of s 75 (Appointment)

Section 75, ‘REZ delivery body’—

omit, insert—

hub design body

53 Amendment of s 76 (Functions)

(1) Section 76(1)—

omit, insert—

(1) The functions of a hub design body are—

- (a) to identify parts of Queensland regions that are suitable to be a regional energy hub and make recommendations to the Minister for the parts to be declared to be a regional energy hub; and
- (b) to assess parts of Queensland regions identified in the system outlook as possibly suitable to be a regional energy hub, and decide whether to make recommendations to the Minister for the parts to be declared to be a regional energy hub; and

- (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
 - (d) to perform any other function for this part prescribed by regulation.
- (2) Section 76(2) and (3), ‘REZ delivery body’—
omit, insert—
hub design body

54 Omission of s 81 (Minister must publish notice of REZ delivery body’s decision not to recommend REZ declaration)

Section 81—
omit.

55 Amendment of s 82 (Transmission network or part stops being REZ transmission network or part)

- (1) Section 82, heading, ‘REZ’—
omit, insert—
hub
- (2) Section 82(1), ‘a REZ transmission network or a part of a REZ transmission network for a REZ’—
omit, insert—
the hub transmission network or a part of the hub transmission network for a regional energy hub
- (3) Section 82(1)(a) to (c), ‘REZ’—
omit, insert—
hub
- (4) Section 82(3)(a), from ‘network continues’—

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omit, insert—

network—

- (i) continues to be an agreed standard of performance determined in accordance with the National Electricity Rules; and
- (ii) if included in a connection agreement—is taken to be a negotiated access standard for the purposes of the National Electricity Rules; and

56 Amendment of s 89 (Purposes of fund)

- (1) Section 89(b), ‘optimal infrastructure pathway objectives’—

omit, insert—

strategic infrastructure path objectives

- (2) Section 89(c)—

omit.

57 Amendment of s 90 (Payments from fund)

- (1) Section 90(3)(d)—

omit.

- (2) Section 90(3)(e)—

renumber as section 90(3)(d).

- (3) Section 90(6), ‘and the council’—

omit.

58 Replacement of pt 8 (Queensland Energy System Advisory Board)

Part 8—

omit, insert—

Part 8 CopperString project

Division 1 Preliminary

93 Purpose of part

The purpose of this part is to facilitate and support the delivery of the CopperString project by—

- (a) identifying and declaring stages of the project to which this part applies; and
- (b) providing for financial matters associated with a declared stage to enable the stage to be delivered in an efficient and coordinated way.

94 Definitions for part

In this part—

CopperString project see section 95.

declared stage, of the CopperString project, means an identified stage of the project declared to be a declared stage of the project under section 98.

forecast capital expenditure has the same meaning as the term has in the National Electricity Rules.

forecast operating expenditure has the same meaning as the term has in the National Electricity Rules.

identified stage, of the CopperString project, means a stage of the project identified under section 96.

proponent, for a stage of the CopperString project, means the person who is or will be the

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transmission network service provider for the stage.

stage, of the CopperString project, means a part of the transmission network that is the subject of the project.

95 What is the *CopperString* project

The *CopperString project* is the project known as CopperString—

- (a) involving the construction of a transmission network, and associated infrastructure, to connect Mount Isa to the national transmission grid near Woodstock; and
- (b) the delivery of which the State has agreed to facilitate and support.

Division 2 Identification and declaration of stage

96 Identifying stage suitable for declaration

- (1) The responsible Ministers may identify a stage of the CopperString project that may be suitable to be a declared stage of the project.
- (2) The Minister must publish on the department's website—
 - (a) notice of each identified stage of the CopperString project; and
 - (b) details of the scope of the work involved in the identified stage of which the responsible Ministers are aware at the time the stage is identified under subsection (1).

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.

98 Declaration of stage

- (1) This section applies if, having regard to advice obtained under section 97 about an identified stage of the CopperString project, the responsible Ministers—
 - (a) have identified the efficient costs of each of the following that may be incurred by a person in the proponent’s circumstances—
 - (i) constructing the identified stage;
 - (ii) operating the identified stage for a period, decided by the responsible Ministers, of at least 5 years; and
 - (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.
- (2) The Minister may, by notice, declare the identified stage of the CopperString project to be a declared stage of the project.
- (3) The declaration must—
 - (a) identify—
 - (i) the proponent; and
 - (ii) the scope of the work involved in the declared stage; and
 - (b) state the following amounts that are to be used to make or amend a transmission determination as mentioned in section 99(1)—
 - (i) the forecast capital expenditure for the declared stage;

- (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.

(5) In this section—

regulatory control period has the meaning given by the National Electricity Rules.

100 Relationship with national electricity laws

- (1) It is the intention of Parliament that a regulation under section 99 applies despite anything stated in the national electricity laws.
- (2) It is also the intention of Parliament that the national electricity laws continue to apply in relation to a declared stage of the CopperString project to the extent the national electricity laws are not inconsistent with a regulation under section 99.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies in relation to a provision of a regulation under section 99 that provides for a matter relating to a declared stage of the CopperString project to which the national electricity laws apply or would otherwise apply.
- (4) A regulation—
 - (a) may provide for the application of a provision of the national electricity laws (a *national provision*) in relation to the declared stage; and
 - (b) for that purpose, may—
 - (i) provide that a national provision does not apply in relation to a matter or applies in relation to a matter with stated modifications; and
 - (ii) state how other provisions of the national electricity laws apply in relation to a matter having regard to a national provision not applying or applying with stated modifications in relation to the matter.

Division 4 Other matters

101 Minister or Treasurer may obtain information for performing function

- (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.

Example of a person who may have information mentioned in subsection (1)—

a person who is or may be the proponent or proposed proponent for a stage of the CopperString project

- (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.
- (3) A notice under subsection (2) must state—
- (a) the information the Minister or Treasurer requires; and
 - (b) the way the information must be given; and
 - (c) the date by which the information must be given to the Minister or Treasurer.
- (4) A person who is given a notice under subsection (2) must comply with the notice unless the person has a reasonable excuse.

Maximum penalty—100 penalty units.

- (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.
- (6) A person may disclose information to the Minister or Treasurer under this section despite anything in the national electricity laws.

- (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.
- (8) The Minister or Treasurer—
 - (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
 - (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.
- (9) Subsection (8) does not limit section 173.

59 Omission of pt 9 (Energy Industry Council)

Part 9—

omit.

60 Omission of pt 10 (Queensland Renewable Energy Jobs Advocate)

Part 10—

omit.

61 Amendment of s 171 (Definition for division)

- (1) Section 171, definition *official*, paragraphs (d) to (g)—
omit, insert—
 - (d) a hub design body; or
- (2) Section 171, definition *official*, paragraph (h)—
renumber as paragraph (e).

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62 Amendment of s 173 (Confidentiality)

Section 173(1)—

insert—

- (e) a person who has acquired, or has access to, confidential information about another person under section 97.

63 Amendment of s 175 (Delegation)

- (1) Section 175(2)(a), ‘26(2), 27(1)’—

omit, insert—

26(2) or (4)

- (2) Section 175(2)(c)(ii), from ‘other than’—

omit, insert—

other than—

- (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
- (B) deciding the period mentioned in section 46(1)(b)(i) under section 46(2) or 49(4);

- (3) Section 175(2)—

insert—

- (d) the Minister’s functions under section 96 or 98.

- (4) Section 175(3), ‘21 to 25, 50,’—

omit.

64 Replacement of pt 12, div 1, hdg (Infrastructure blueprint)

Part 12, division 1, heading—

omit, insert—

**Division 1 Transitional provisions for
Act No. 15 of 2024**

Subdivision 1 Infrastructure blueprint

65 Replacement of pt 12, div 2, hdg (Other transitional provisions)

Part 12, division 2, heading—

omit, insert—

Subdivision 2 Other transitional provisions

66 Amendment of s 179A (Limited protection from liability for Powerlink)

Section 179A(1)—

insert—

Note—

See also section 191.

67 Amendment of s 180 (Transitional regulation-making power)

Section 180(1)—

insert—

Note—

See also section 192.

68 Insertion of new pt 12, div 2

Part 12, as amended by this Act—

insert—

Division 2 Transitional provisions for Energy Roadmap Amendment Act 2025

181 Definitions for division

In this division—

amendment Act means the *Energy Roadmap Amendment Act 2025*.

former, 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.

transitional provision means a provision of this division.

182 First system outlook

Section 2 (headed ‘Investment Outlook’) of the document called the ‘Energy Roadmap’, published on the department’s website on 10 October 2025—

- (a) is taken to be the system outlook made under section 15; and
- (b) is taken to have been approved by regulation on the day this section commences.

183 Reference to infrastructure blueprint

- (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.

- (2) In this section—

infrastructure blueprint means the infrastructure blueprint made under former section 15.

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.

185 Appointment as REZ delivery body

- (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) 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.

186 Dissolution of board

- (1) On the commencement—
 - (a) the board is dissolved; and
 - (b) each board member goes out of office; and
 - (c) the State becomes the successor in law of the board.
- (2) No compensation is payable to a board member because of subsection (1).
- (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.

- (4) In this section—

board means the Queensland Energy System Advisory Board established under former section 93.

board member means a board member under former section 98.

187 Dissolution of council

- (1) On the commencement—

- (a) the council is dissolved; and
 - (b) each council member goes out of office; and
 - (c) the State becomes the successor in law of the council.
- (2) No compensation is payable to a council member because of subsection (1).
- (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.
- (4) In this section—

council means the Energy Industry Council established under former section 123.

council member means a council member under former section 129.

188 Dissolution of office of the jobs advocate

- (1) On the commencement—
 - (a) the office of the jobs advocate is dissolved; and
 - (b) the jobs advocate goes out of office; and
 - (c) the State becomes the successor in law of the jobs advocate.
- (2) No compensation is payable to the jobs advocate because of subsection (1).
- (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.
- (4) In this section—

jobs advocate means the Queensland Renewable Energy Jobs Advocate under former section 154.

189 Confidentiality

- (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) 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.
- (3) In this section—

board member means a board member under former section 98.

council member means a council member under former section 129.

former criminal history provision means former section 108, 140 or 168.

jobs advocate means the Queensland Renewable Energy Jobs Advocate under former section 154.

190 Regulation under s 170A

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.

191 Application of s 179A

- (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).
- (2) From the commencement, section 179A applies

as if—

- (a) a reference to a part of Queensland to be declared to be a REZ included a reference to a part of a Queensland region to be declared to be a regional energy hub (a ***proposed hub***); and
- (b) a reference to a transmission network to be the REZ transmission network for a proposed REZ included a reference to a transmission network to be the hub transmission network for a proposed hub; and
- (c) a reference to transmission assets that are to be REZ controlled assets for a proposed REZ included a reference to transmission assets that are to be the hub controlled assets for a proposed hub; and
- (d) the reference in section 179A(3)(b)(ii)(A) to when the proposed REZ is declared to be a REZ included a reference to when the proposed REZ or proposed hub is declared to be a regional energy hub.

192 Application of s 180

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

193 Transitional regulation-making power

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

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- the operation of this Act as in force before its amendment by the amendment Act to the operation of this Act after its amendment by the amendment Act; or
- (ii) to allow or facilitate the doing of anything to help the operation of this Act or the national electricity laws to achieve the purpose of part 8; and
- (b) this Act does not provide or sufficiently provide.
- (2) A transitional regulation—
- (a) may provide for the application of a provision of the national electricity laws (a ***national provision***) in relation to a matter mentioned in subsection (1); and
- (b) for that purpose, may—
- (i) provide that a national provision does not apply in relation to a matter or applies in relation to a matter with stated modifications; and
- (ii) state how other provisions of the national electricity laws apply in relation to a matter having regard to a national provision not applying or applying with stated modifications in relation to the matter.
- (3) A transitional regulation may have retrospective operation to a day not earlier than—
- (a) the day this section commences; or
- (b) for a transitional regulation relating to an amendment of this Act commencing after the day this section commences—the day the amendment commences.
- (4) A transitional regulation must declare it is a

transitional regulation.

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

69 Amendment of sch 1 (Dictionary)

(1) Schedule 1—

omit the following definitions—

- *appointed board member*
- *appointed council member*
- *board*
- *board meeting*
- *board member*
- *council*
- *council meeting*
- *council member*
- *criminal history*
- *electricity industry*
- *establishment and operational costs*
- *infrastructure blueprint*
- *jobs advocate*
- *national electricity market*
- *optimal infrastructure pathway*
- *optimal infrastructure pathway objectives*
- *public ownership strategy*
- *publicly owned energy business*
- *renewable energy source*
- *renewable energy targets*

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- *renewable energy zone* or *REZ*
- *responsible Ministers*
- *REZ assessment*
- *REZ assessment costs*
- *REZ controlled assets*
- *REZ declaration*
- *REZ delivery body*
- *REZ transmission network*
- *transmission asset*.

(2) Schedule 1—

insert—

application fees and charges, in relation to the hub transmission network for a regional energy hub, for part 6, division 6, see section 69.

connection and access process, for the hub transmission network for a regional energy hub, for part 6, division 5, see section 53.

CopperString project see section 95.

declared stage, of the CopperString project, for part 8, see section 94.

establishment and operational costs, for the hub transmission network for a regional energy hub, for part 6, division 6, see section 69A.

forecast capital expenditure, for part 8, see section 94.

forecast operating expenditure, for part 8, see section 94.

hub controlled assets, for a regional energy hub, see section 36.

hub declaration, for part 6, see section 36.

hub design body see section 36.

hub transmission network, for a regional energy hub, see section 36.

identified stage, of the CopperString project, for part 8, see section 94.

proponent, for a stage of the CopperString project, for part 8, see section 94.

regional energy hub see section 36.

responsible Ministers means—

- (a) if the Minister is the Treasurer—the Treasurer; or
- (b) otherwise—the Minister and the Treasurer acting jointly.

stage, of the CopperString project, for part 8, see section 94.

strategic infrastructure path see section 7.

strategic infrastructure path objectives see section 8.

system outlook see section 15(1).

transmission asset has the meaning given by the National Electricity Rules.

- (3) Schedule 1, definition *access standard*, ‘REZ transmission network for a REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub transmission network for a regional energy hub

- (4) Schedule 1, definitions *management plan* and *participant*, ‘REZ’—

omit, insert—

regional energy hub

- (5) Schedule 1, definition *regulate*, ‘REZ transmission network or REZ controlled assets for a REZ’—

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omit, insert—

hub transmission network or hub controlled assets
for a regional energy hub

- (6) Schedule 1, definition *relevant transmission network service provider*, ‘REZ controlled assets for a REZ’—

omit, insert—

hub controlled assets for a regional energy hub

Part 3

Amendment of Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Regulation 2024

70 Regulation amended

This part amends the *Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Regulation 2024*.

71 Replacement of s 1 (Short title)

Section 1—

omit, insert—

1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Energy (Infrastructure Facilitation) Regulation 2024*.

72 Omission of s 41 (Appointed council members—Act, s 130)

Section 41—

omit.

Part 3A Amendment of State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971

72A Act amended

This part amends the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.

72B Amendment of pt 9, hdg (Transitional provisions)

Part 9, heading, ‘Transitional’—

omit, insert—

Repeal, transitional and declaratory

72C Insertion of new pt 9, div 10

Part 9—

insert—

**Division 10 Repeal, transitional and
declaratory provisions for
Energy Roadmap
Amendment Act 2025**

**Subdivision 1 Repeal of Forest Wind
Farm Development Act
2020**

204 Repeal

The Forest Wind Farm Development Act 2020,
No. 28 is repealed.

Subdivision 2 Transitional and declaratory provisions

205 Definition for subdivision

In this subdivision—

repealed Act means the repealed *Forest Wind Farm Development Act 2020*.

206 Saving of operation of particular provision of repealed Act

The repealed Act, section 57 is declared to be a law to which the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, section 20A applies.

207 No compensation payable by State

- (1) No compensation is payable by or on behalf of the State to a person in relation to the repeal of the repealed Act.
- (2) This section applies despite anything to the contrary in another Act or law.

208 Transitional regulation-making power

- (1) A regulation (a *transitional regulation*) may make provision about a matter for which—
 - (a) it is necessary to make provision to allow or facilitate the doing of anything to achieve the transition from the operation of the repealed Act; and
 - (b) this subdivision does not provide or sufficiently provide.
- (2) A transitional regulation may have retrospective operation to a day not earlier than the day this section commences.

- (3) A transitional regulation must declare it is a transitional regulation.
- (4) This section and any transitional regulation expire on the day that is 1 year after the day this section commences.

Part 4 Other amendments

73 Legislation amended

Schedule 1 amends the legislation it mentions.

Schedule 1 Other amendments

section 73

Electricity—National Scheme (Queensland) Act 1997

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

Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Act 2024

- 1 **References to REZ and related concepts—**
 Each provision mentioned in column 1 is amended by omitting the words mentioned in column 2 and inserting the words mentioned in column 3—

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*—
relocate to schedule 1.

3 Section 47(1), after ‘subdivision 2’—
insert—
or 4

4 Part 6, division 6, subdivision 4—
renumber as part 6, division 6, subdivision 3.

5 Section 73(1), ‘or 72’—
omit.

6 Section 73(4), definition *relevant costs*—

omit, insert—

relevant costs means establishment and operational costs for the hub transmission network for a regional energy hub.

7 Section 80(2)(f), ‘or 72’—

omit.

8 Section 86(2)(b), (3)(c) and (4)(d), ‘optimal infrastructure pathway objectives’—

omit, insert—

strategic infrastructure path objectives

9 Section 176(1), ‘parts 7, 8, 9 and 10’—

omit, insert—

part 7

Forestry Act 1959**1 Section 26(1A), notes—**

omit, insert—

Note—

See the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*, section 437A(1) for the creation of an easement for a pipeline licence holder under that Act over land that is a State forest.

2 Section 32C(2)(c)—

omit.

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3 Section 61R(2)—

omit.

4 Section 73(1), from ‘, an access’ to ‘Forest Wind Farm Development Act 2020,’—

omit.

5 Section 73B(2)(d)—

omit.

6 Section 73D(3)(b)(ii)—

omit.

7 Section 73D(3)(b)(iii) to (vi)—

renumber as section 73D(3)(b)(ii) to (v).

8 Section 73F(3)(b)—

omit.

9 Section 73F(3)(c) to (f)—

renumber as section 73F(3)(b) to (e).

10 Schedule 3, definitions *development agreement*, *project area A* and *proponent*—

omit.

Land Act 1994

- 1 Section 287(1), note—**
omit.

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