



Queensland

Community Safety (Fees) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2011

Explanatory Notes for SL 2011 No. 104

made under the

Ambulance Service Act 1991

Building Act 1975

Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990

General outline

Short title

The short title of the Regulation is the *Community Safety (Fees) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2011*.

Authorising law

Section 54 of the *Ambulance Service Act 1991*

Section 261 of the *Building Act 1975*

Sections 106, 108 and 154 of the *Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

To provide an appropriate level of funding for emergency services through increase in the fees, charges and levies related to fire and ambulance services and by ensuring that the levies applicable to certain areas of the State are consistent with the service delivery provided in that area.

Achievement of policy objectives

The objectives are achieved by increasing fees, charges and levies for 2011-12 under the *Ambulance Service Regulation 2003*, the *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008* and the *Fire and Rescue Service Regulation 2001* by the percentage amount of the Consumer Price Index, in accordance with Government policy.

Fire levy classes for urban districts are also amended for three areas of the State and the date of the urban district map is updated to 2011.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The amendment regulation is consistent with the main objectives of the *Ambulance Service Act 1991* to ensure that the Queensland Ambulance Service is able to provide, operate and maintain ambulance services and perform other functions required under the *Ambulance Service Act 1991*.

The amendment regulation also aligns with the objectives of the *Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990* to ensure the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service is able to, amongst other things, protect person, property and the environment from fire and hazardous materials emergencies.

Relevant fees, charges and levies in the *Ambulance Service Regulation 2003*, the *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008* and the *Fire and Rescue Service Regulation 2001* have been increased in line with Government approved indexation.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

This is not inconsistent with policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

N/A

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The amendment regulation has been drafted with regard to fundamental legislative principles as defined in section 4 of the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

The imposition of levies may be seen as an imposition on the rights and liberties of individuals. However, it is considered that the imposition of such levies are justified to ensure that emergency services can continue to provide front line services which contribute to the protection and safety of the community.

Consultation

In regard to the amendment of the fire levy classes of urban districts, consultation has been undertaken with the affected communities of Emu Park and Yeppoon. A new urban district, Capricorn Coast, has been included for the same class covering the same geographical area as the Emu Park and Yeppoon urban districts. Therefore the proposed changes to the urban districts are administrative in nature and result in no change to the community.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Community Safety.

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