



Queensland

Public Works Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2011

Explanatory Notes for SL 2011 No. 120

made under the

Architects Act 2002

Professional Engineers Act 2002

General outline

Short title

Public Works Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2011.

Authorising law

Section 143 of the *Architects Act 2002*.

Section 144 of the *Professional Engineers Act 2002*.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The Board of Architects of Queensland and the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland (the Boards) charge a range of fees for their services, including application and registration fees. The Boards are responsible for all expenses associated with their operation such as the registrars' remuneration, accommodation and legal costs associated with the investigation of complaints. The prescribed fees enable the Boards to meet their projected costs.

In accordance with current Government policy, which requires all fees and charges to be indexed annually by the full movement in the actual Brisbane All-Groups Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), it is proposed to increase the fees charged under the *Architects Act 2002* and the *Professional Engineers Act 2002* in accordance with the data recently released by the ABS which advises of a March 2010 to March 2011 CPI increase in Brisbane of 3.6 %.

Achievement of policy objectives

The regulation will achieve the objectives of ensuring the prescribed fees adhere to government policy and that the Boards are able to continue to meet their projected costs.

The objectives will be achieved by increasing the annual fees prescribed under the respective regulations, in accordance with Queensland Government policy and in line with CPI movements to March 2011.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with its authorising Acts.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The amendments are not inconsistent with the main objectives of other legislation.

Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives

The amendments are the only effective means of meeting government policy and ensuring the Boards remain self-funding by having regard to the costs of the Boards performing their statutory functions.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The amendments do not impose an appreciable cost on registrants and are consistent with government policy. There are no additional costs to government or the Boards arising from the amendments.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The regulation is consistent with the fundamental legislative principles set out in the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

Consultation

In determining the fees payable, the Board of Architects of Queensland and the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland were consulted. Queensland Treasury and the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel were also consulted. All parties consulted support the Amendment Regulation.

ENDNOTES

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

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