



Queensland

# Geothermal Energy (Postponement) Regulation 2011

## Explanatory Notes for SL 2011 No. 156

made under the

*Geothermal Energy Act 2010*

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## General outline

### Short title

*Geothermal Energy (Postponement) Regulation 2011.*

### Authorising law

*Geothermal Energy Act 2010*

Section 15DA of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*

### Policy objectives and reasons for them

The policy objective of the legislation is the timely commencement of uncommenced provisions of the *Geothermal Energy Act 2010* (the Act).

In accordance with the commencement provisions of the Act, parts of the Act (Chapter 9, Part 2, chapter 10, part 1 and schedule 2, part 1) commenced upon Assent, on 1 September 2010. The land access provisions for minerals and coal exploration commenced on 10 December 2010. The remaining provisions of the Act (the provisions) would have automatically commenced on 2 September 2011 if not postponed by this regulation.

The delay in commencement of the provisions for a period of six months, until 2 March 2012, is required for the drafting and making of the comprehensive regulations that are required to support the Act.

### **Achievement of policy objectives**

The policy objective of timely commencement of the provisions is achieved by postponing commencement so that the required supportive regulations can be put in place.

### **Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law**

The anticipated effects of postponing commencement of the provisions at this time are consistent with the objectives of the Act, as stated in the explanatory notes accompanying the bill for the Act, by ensuring the necessary supportive regulations are in place upon commencement of the provisions.

### **Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation**

The anticipated effects of postponing commencement of the provisions at this time are not inconsistent with any policy objectives of any other legislation.

### **Alternative ways of achieving policy objectives**

The Act provides for the commencement of the provisions on a date to be fixed by proclamation. There are no alternative means to effectively achieve the policy objectives.

### **Benefits and costs of implementation**

Not applicable.

### **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The postponement of commencement of the provisions does not conflict with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet and the Treasury Department were consulted about the making of this regulation and had no objections.

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## ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation.

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