



Queensland

Local Government Electoral Regulation 2012

Explanatory Notes for SL 2012 No. 17

made under the

Local Government Electoral Act 2011

General outline

Short title

Local Government Electoral Regulation 2012.

Authorising law

Sections 23 and 208 of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Under section 23(3) of the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011* (the Act), a regulation may fix a day other than the last Saturday in March as provided for under section 23(2) of the Act, on which the local government quadrennial elections must be held.

On Wednesday 25 January 2012, the State Government announced that the 2012 local government quadrennial elections are to be held on Saturday, 28 April 2012.

Achievement of policy objectives

The amendment regulation achieves the policy objective by specifying the day of 28 April 2012 as the day on which the 2012 local government quadrennial elections must be held.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

Section 208 of the Act is the general regulation-making power.

Section 23(3) of the Act permits a regulation to specify a day, other than the default date of the last Saturday in March, on which the local government quadrennial elections must be held.

The amendment regulation is consistent with the objectives of the Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The regulation is consistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

There are no anticipated costs relating to the implementation of this regulation.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The proposed amendments are considered to be consistent with the fundamental legislative principles set out in the *Legislative Standards Act 1992*.

Consultation

The Department of Local Government and Planning consulted with the Local Government Association of Queensland in relation to the making of this regulation.

The Queensland Office for Regulatory Efficiency in Queensland Treasury was consulted in relation to the proposed amendments and confirmed that a Regulatory Assessment Statement is not required.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Local Government and Planning.

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