



Queensland

Superannuation (State Public Sector) Amendment Notice (No. 2) 2012

Explanatory Notes for SL 2012 No. 243

made under the

Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act 1990

General outline

Short title

Superannuation (State Public Sector) Amendment Notice (No. 2) 2012.

Authorising law

Section 13 of the *Superannuation (State Public Sector) Act 1990* (Act).

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The *Superannuation (State Public Sector) Notice 2010* (Notice) declares membership of the State Public Sector Superannuation Scheme (QSuper) for persons employed by a unit of the State public sector.

The Amendment Notice inserts membership arrangements in the Notice for the employees of the following employers.

- The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), a Commonwealth agency established to register training organisations across Australia, a function that was previously the responsibility of each State jurisdiction. The membership arrangements provide employees who

transfer to ASQA from Queensland's Department of Education, Training and Employment with the option to continue to have superannuation contributions paid to QSuper.

- The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation, established on 1 January 2012 by the Commonwealth Games Arrangements Act 2011 (Qld) to organise and promote the 2018 Games. The membership arrangements provide all employees with the option to have superannuation contributions paid to QSuper.
- Queensland's 17 Hospital and Health Services, established on 1 July 2012 to provide health care within local communities across Queensland. The membership arrangements require all employees to have superannuation contributions paid to QSuper.
- The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator, established on 12 October 2012 by the *Heavy Vehicle National Law Act 2012* (Qld) to regulate the operation of heavy vehicles in Queensland. The membership arrangements provide all employees with the option to have superannuation contributions paid to QSuper.
- The South East Queensland Bulk Water Company Limited, established on 11 July 2012 to facilitate the Government's consolidation of South East Queensland's bulk water industry. The membership arrangements provide all employees with the option to have superannuation contributions paid to QSuper.

The Amendment Notice also amends the Notice to:

- maintain the superannuation arrangements for employees transferring to Queensland Bulk Water Supply Authority from Queensland Bulk Water Transport Authority, SEQ Water Grid Manager and South East Queensland Bulk Water Company Limited.
- reflect the Princess Alexandra Hospital Foundation changing its name to PA Research Foundation; and
- remove six employers that have already ceased operation and two employers that will cease operation from 1 January 2013.

Achievement of policy objectives

The Amendment Notice achieves the policy objectives of providing membership eligibility for persons who are employed by a unit of the State public sector.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

This amendment is consistent with the policy of the authorising law, which provides that the Minister may declare by written notice that a person, or member of a class of person, who is an employee of a unit of the State public sector is eligible for membership of QSuper.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

This amendment is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

It is not expected that the implementation of this amendment will result in significant costs.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The Amendment Notice is consistent with fundamental legislative principles. The amendment provides membership of QSuper for employees of a unit of the State public sector and ensures the currency of entities listed in the Notice.

Consultation

Consultation has occurred with the employers, the Government Superannuation Officer, the Office of the Queensland Parliamentary Counsel and Queensland Treasury and Trade.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Queensland Treasury and Trade.