Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2014

Explanatory notes for SL 2014 No. 83

made under the

Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000

General Outline

Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2014.*

Authorising law

Section 401 of the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* (the Act).

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

The objective of the Amendment Regulation is to increase prescribed application fees on 1 July 2014 in line with the government endorsed indexation rate of 3.5% (*Financial Circular No. 2013-14/06* of 20 March 2014).

Achievement of policy objectives

The fees are prescribed in schedule 4 of the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Regulation 2011* (the Regulation).

Accordingly, the policy objective is achieved by the increase in fees to schedule 4 of the Regulation.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the objectives of section 401 of the Act which provides that the Governor in Council may make regulations under this Act and a regulation may be made about fees for this Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The Amendment Regulation is not inconsistent with the policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The Amendment Regulation increases prescribed fees that apply to applications made under the Act in line with the government endorsed indexation rate of 3.5%.

There are minimal administrative costs associated with implementation to update resources, such as application forms. These costs can be met within existing resources.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

The amendments are consistent with fundamental legislative principles. Section 401 of the Act authorises that a regulation may be made under the Act about fees.

Consultation

Queensland Treasury and Trade has been consulted and supports the changes to the prescribed fees in line with the government endorsed indexation rate.

No consultation was undertaken outside government as the indexation of government fees and charges is prescribed under the *Financial Circular No. 2013-14/06*.

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