

# **Environment and Heritage Protection Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2014**

Explanatory notes for SL 2014 No. 115

made under the

*Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995*

*Nature Conservation Act 1992*

*Queensland Heritage Act 1992*

*Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*

*Wild Rivers Act 2005*

## **General Outline**

### **Short title**

*Environment and Heritage Protection Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2014*

### **Authorising law**

Section 167 of the *Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995*

Section 175 of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*

Section 178 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*

Section 763 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*

Section 271 of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*

Section 51 of the *Wild Rivers Act 2005*

### **Policy objectives and the reasons for them**

The objective of the *Environment and Heritage Protection Legislation Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2014* (Amendment Regulation) is to index regulatory fees for the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection for 2014-15. These regulatory fees have been subject to the annual review required under government policy and then indexed by the approved government indexation factor, which Queensland Treasury and Trade has advised to be 3.5% for 2014-15.

The indexed fees have been rounded in accordance with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection's current rounding policy.

## **Achievement of policy objectives**

This subordinate legislation will achieve its objective by increasing fees and charges under the Acts administered by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection. The government indexation factor of 3.5% has been applied.

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

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with the objective of the relevant Acts.

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

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

## **Benefits and costs of implementation**

The indexation of fees provides a mechanism understood by the community and industry to maintain price relativity, aiding the government in formulating the State and departmental budgets.

There are no additional costs associated with implementing the Amendment Regulation.

## **Consistency with fundamental legislative principles**

The Amendment Regulation is consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

## **Consultation**

Consultation has been undertaken with the Office of Best Practice Regulation, Queensland Competition Authority in determining that the Amendment Regulation was excluded from the requirement to undertake a Regulatory Impact Statement.